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## Post COVID-19 Workplace



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### Post Covid-19 Workplace Newsletter

This biweekly newsletter brings together ideas and opinions from multiple sources on relevant post-Covid topics. This issue features what large companies and institutions are doing to prepare for the workforce's return to the office. What precautions are they taking? How will the use of office space change? What will be the impacts on staff? We hope you find it useful.

#### **1. Recovery Readiness: A How-to Guide for Reopening your Workplace** (Cushman & Wakefield, April 22, 2020)

The "Recovery Readiness: A How-to Guide for Reopening your Workplace," outlines some of the best thinking and practices that our more than 53,000 professionals have compiled across the globe and also includes insights from key partners. The recommended practices and protocols already have been implemented at locations across the globe with tremendous success. [Read more...](#)

#### **2. 10 Ways COVID-19 Could Change Office Design** (World Economic Forum, April 22, 2020)

COVID-19 has upended working life, changing how and where people do their jobs. But with governments and companies around the world looking to ease lockdowns, minimizing virus transmission at work is now at the top of many organizations' agendas. Here are 10 ways that work and workplaces could change. [Read more...](#)

#### **3. 5 Predictions About How Coronavirus Will Change the Future of Work** (Forbes, April 6, 2020)

The world is upside down and sometimes it can be tough (really tough, if we're honest) to stay optimistic and maintain sanity. Questions are everywhere: What the future will hold? What will we learn? How will life (continue to) change? And what will the new normal be? We're experiencing shifts in so many facets of life from family and community to work and how we socialize. [Read more...](#)

#### **4. A Common Sense Guide for Returning to the Post COVID-19 Workplace**

(workdesign.com, April 1, 2020)

As organizations begin planning this transition back to the office, things will be different. Significant attention will be paid to "visible housekeeping" that was once intentionally concealed. Workstation areas will no longer have the crowded café feel, rather they will be de-densified to maintain social distancing. And whoever imagined that the concept of a restroom attendant would ever re-surface? [Read more...](#)

#### **5. Designing the Post-COVID Workplace** (Steelcase, April 21, 2020)

Going back to work, for most people, is going to feel a lot different than when they left. The changes, at first, may feel surreal, with people wearing masks, separated by partitions and avoiding physical contact – no more fist bumps, hugs or handshakes. It might be a little lonely because many of our coworkers will still be at home as companies ramp up operations in phases, bringing people back in waves. But over time a new “normal” will emerge. There is a lot of conjecture about what “normal” will be going forward, but we know that the global COVID-19 pandemic will change the workplace forever. The opportunity ahead of us is to make the office even better than it was before the crisis.

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## **6. 10 Considerations for Transitioning Back to Work in a Post-COVID-19 World** (Gensler, April 20, 2020)

As we look ahead, our clients across the globe are grappling with how they can plan, communicate, and transition hundreds to thousands of employees back into the office with new guidelines and policies to maintain the health of both employees and the company. They’re asking: How do we start planning the transition back into the office when the time comes? What can we start doing now?

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## **7. How Robots in China are Helping Make Buildings Safer** (JLL Research & Strategy, April 17, 2020)

As the world faces the coronavirus pandemic, eyes have turned to China for any lessons to glean from the country’s experience. Technology, it turns out, was front and center when it came to making buildings safer. Tools that limited human contact – from apps for building entry, to robots spraying disinfectant in hospitals – were one area that helped manage the places where people work, shop and live. [Read more...](#)

## **8. A Five-layered Defense for Workplace Reopening** (The Harvard Gazette, April 24, 2020)

A Harvard healthy-buildings expert has laid out a lower-cost, five-layered approach for employers and building managers as they consider how to safely reopen their establishments and get America back to work. [Read more...](#)

## **9. Coronavirus Will Have a Long-term Effect on Office Spaces** (The Independent on Saturday, April 25, 2020)

WeWork, the shared office space company, is making plans to change its workspaces in the post-coronavirus world, proposing new floor layouts, adding sanitising capabilities and shifting office traffic flows. Others agree this will be the way forward. David Seinker, founder and chief executive of The Business Exchange, believes there will no returning to normal anytime soon, if ever. (Full report requires a Factiva login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

## **10. Tech Leaders Map Out Post-Pandemic Return to Workplace; Information-technology Workers will Likely Be in First Wave of Employees Returning to Job Site, report says** (The Wall Street Journal, April 22, 2020)

Businesses will be turning to enterprise technology to smooth out the process of getting employees back to the workplace in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, according to a report by Forrester Research. (Full report requires a WSJ login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.)

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## **11. ILO Standards and COVID-19 (coronavirus)** (ILO, March 27, 2020)

FAQ - Key provisions of international labour standards relevant to the evolving COVID-19 outbreak.

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