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Post Covid-19 Workplace Newsletter

This biweekly newsletter issue features various ideas and opinions on the post-Covid-19 commute to the workplace, impact on parking, building considerations, and parenting during and after Covid-19. We hope you find it useful.

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Public Transit and Parking

1. Parking Perk could Drive Staff Back to Offices (Australian Financial Review via Factiva, June 4, 2020)

Using tax concessions to reduce the cost of providing car parking for employees could be just the ticket for companies trying to encourage their staff back to work as the threat of COVID-19 begins to recede. (Full report requires a Factiva login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

2. Pop-up Carparks Rolled Out Amid Limits on Public Transport in Sydney (The Straits Times via Factiva, May 31, 2020)

Australia opened its newest carpark last week - a 1,000-space "pop-up" facility in parkland on the edge of Sydney's central business district. This temporary carpark at Moore Park is part of an urgent attempt to accommodate the city's return to work as its Covid-19 lockdown ends. (Full report requires a Factiva login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

3. Can't Face your Old Commute, But won't Ditch the Train for a Bicycle? (The London Times via Factiva, May 25, 2020)

Times writers test alternative ways of getting to work, from e-scooters to motorbikes. (Full report requires a Factiva login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

4. From Parking to Concessions, Here are the Safety Protocols You'll see in Washington-Area Airports (Washington Post via Factiva, May 20, 2020)

The coronavirus has created a heightened awareness of protective protocols, with travelers wondering who is responsible for implementing measures that will stymie the spread. In anticipation of our return to the skies, we reached out to the three Washington-area airports to better understand

how the different agencies and entities are keeping the traveling public safe. For updates, check the websites of the airports and airlines. (Full report requires a Factiva login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

Parenting During Covid-19

1. The Results are in for Remote Learning: It Didn't Work (Wall Street Journal, June 5, 2020)

This spring, America took an involuntary crash course in remote learning. With the school year now winding down, the grade from students, teachers, parents and administrators is already in: It was a failure. (Full report requires a WSJ login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

2. Parents Turn to Online Tutors to Help Keep Kids Learning and Motivated (Wall Street Journal, April 29, 2020)

Companies promise to bolster children's skills during the coronavirus lockdown. (Full report requires a WSJ login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

3. How to Help Employees Work From Home With Kids (MIT Sloan Management Review, April 27, 2020)

I believe that the family distraction presented by the new work-from-home reality is one of the most pressing management issues of the COVID-19 crisis. It's one that, if unchecked, could lead to a significant drop in productivity and creativity. We — both leaders and companies — need to move rapidly to gain quick wins to help employees manage their work lives. We also need to prepare the ground for long-term changes. [Read more...](#)

4. 4 Workplace Adjustments to Help Parents Working From Home (Gallup, March 26, 2020)

Highlights: Only 48% of employees feel well-prepared to work during COVID-19 crisis; Leaders can practice flexibility to support parents working from home; How leaders navigate this crisis may affect long-term employee engagement. [Read more...](#)

Post Covid-19 Workplace

1. Reimagining the Office and Work Life After COVID-19 (McKinsey, June 8, 2020)

The pandemic has forced the adoption of new ways of working. Organizations must reimagine their work and the role of offices in creating safe, productive, and enjoyable jobs and lives for employees. [Read more...](#)

2. Lessons from Chinese Companies' Response to Covid-19 (Harvard Business Review, June 5, 2020)

The past four months have provided an opportunity to study a once-in-a-lifetime moment — how companies function during an unprecedented global pandemic while also navigating an accelerated shift to digital operations. [Read more...](#)

Physical Space

1. Post-Pandemic Office Design with Individual Sealed Pods Featuring Ventilation Fans and Sky Lights would Allow Entire Staff to Return to Work while Still Social Distancing (Mail Online, June 8, 2020)

Many US states are allowing office workers to return to the workplace, but some businesses can only maintain 50 percent of their staff due to the ongoing social distancing policy. However, an

architect has proposed a pod system that seals each individual in a sterilized room, allowing everyone to work in the office. (Full report requires a Factiva login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

2. Citi Eyes Offices in Suburbs to Ride Out Manhattan’s Recovery (Palm Beach Daily Business Review, May 26, 2020)

Citigroup Inc. is considering opening satellite offices outside New York City as the finance industry grapples with when it will be safe to bring workers back to Manhattan. (Full report requires a Factiva login, please go to <http://Factiva> for access instructions.) [Read more...](#)

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