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Office Seating with Social Distancing

Though much of the world is still under some degree of coronavirus lockdown, most of corporates have already proposed a way for office workers to mitigate the risk in returning to work. The risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists across all workplace environments. Unless a flexible approach should be implemented with health and safety protocols, the exposure risk in a flexible workspace is just as high, if not higher, than a traditional office. The decisions come as work-from-home policies are increasingly debated within organizations.

Technology makes it easier than ever, but there are concerns over hard-to-analyse impacts like the value of spontaneous, face-to-face interactions.

Missing My Office Chair

The humble office chair is witnessing a belated comeback in people's fantasies during coronavirus lockdowns. Never have I valued the ability to swivel around, adjust the height, or lean back on the flexible mesh of an ordinary looking, but well-serving chair. Working from home is ruining our necks and backs now. The office chair is no longer a seat of power

Is Remote Working Going to Be the Norm

Many companies have already been forced to adopt remote working, and it is likely the practice will be retained beyond the COVID-19 restrictions. Working from home had already been promoted as the answer to a variety of issues, from reducing rush-hour traffic congestion to boosting to self-driven car

But as the practice proves successful, companies will see the operational savings that can be made too. Think of travel expenses and parking expenses, and health costs linked with stress and anxiety.

Also, office space rental. If fewer employees need to come in, offices do not need to be so big. Indian IT Giant TCS has already announced that work from home will be their new normal even once return to new normal

We will miss *Sutta Break & *Tapri Chai with Colleagues

The Desk distance between two colleagues will become 12 feet instead of 6. “We will be wearing masks, and each of us having sanitizer,” Few companies will force three days a week working from office and three day from home, and on those days the colleagues on either side of us will work from home. Soon we will see one supervisor standing or based in these area “Like a teacher giving a lecture on social distancing”. We will not be able to move from our desks.”

staying home, will make you feel more depressed.” I am scared to imagine such picture of mine sitting in office, where all are wearing masks and carrying sanitizer. Further I will not be able to go out for Sutta break with my colleagues and will miss having Tapri Chai with friends and colleagues.

*Sutta Break means Cigarette Break

*Tapri Break means Roadside Tea kiosk

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Crowded Elevators

Offices will most likely start incorporating strict elevator rules in the wake of COVID-19. Only a few people will be allowed on an elevator at a time. And that crowd of people huddled in the elevator waiting area at rush hour will likely evolve into a more organized, adequately spaced out line.

This change will have its pros and cons post-coronavirus—you will not have someone breathing down your neck in the elevator.

PRE -ERA



POST-ERA



There Will Be No More Handshaking

World has accepted “Namaskar” as new norms to wish friends and guests. Handshakes would entirely be a thing of the past. "I don't think we should ever shake hands ever again, to be honest with you “Not only would it be good to prevent coronavirus disease, it probably would decrease instances of influenza dramatically in this country

Handshakes are out and look likely to remain so for some time to come. But new greetings have emerged. Expect more safe-distance greetings to evolve in an office near you soon.

No More Hassel Free Entry

Thermometers sounds like something out of dystopian young adult novel, but it is already happening in real life. Since fevers are a clear symptom of Covid-19, making sure someone’s temperature is not above 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit is a great way to keep others from getting sick

In short, if you have not tested before, expect to be tested sometime in the next few months. As presently the testing kits are not readily available and once its readily available you never know the big companies make it regular practice to do random covid-19 check for employees and mandatory for client and visitors.



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No More Coffee Gossip with Colleagues

Coffee-break with colleagues will be think of past so this mean “No gossip”. Very sad this mean no gossips of love stories in office, no more abusing bosses or manager over cup of coffee. Ahhhh what a boring time is going to come but real question is that how our agony aunt will survive in office without doing gossips.

Disposable, single-use cups or bring your own cup and wash it yourself will be the future. Your plan to exchange office gossip with your favourite co-worker at the water cooler when you return to work probably will not come to fruition post-pandemic. Coffee machine and water dispenser with sensor will dispense coffee/ water by showing card will be the future.

No More Conference Rooms Meeting with Entire Team

Large conference rooms may have the opportunity to stay open—assuming it's possible for employees to keep their distance from each other—smaller meeting rooms will be eliminated or used for interview or one on one discussion to avoid close contact with others in a confined area. It is recommended to get rid of shared supplies, like whiteboard pens and erasers.



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No More Doctor in Medical Room -Doctor on Zoom

Doctor visit to office, which was earlier part of almost all big companies but post lockdown the doctor will give the medical advice to give basic diagnoses via video chat services. Probability of doctor covered with PPE will be seen sitting in medical rooms can be another norm. Employees will see a poster outside medical room to wear mask and sanitized hands before entering medical room. This also force only one person resting inside the sick room, where two/three beds were there

No More Magazines & Newspaper at Reception for Visitors

Seeing an array of periodicals fanned out on a table or displayed on a rack at your office reception was as a familiar sight. But now that we know COVID-19 can live on cardboard and paper for up to 24 hours, it is safe to say that you're going to have to find another way to peruse an company information or some entertainment channel running on LCD at Reception of offices.

Seeing Each Other As Real People

“On almost every call, something unexpected happens, like a kid walks in, Wife shouting, whistle of cooker from kitchen or your pet dog barking to push you to take him out for walk. “We’re seeing each other as real people. I think it’s really powerful and has profound workforce implications.”

No more customer visit or Meeting with Service Provider

“None of the customers would like to meet you in personal!” They’re will prefer to have meeting via phone and video.” This has forced a massive cultural shift. “Some of the sales team is shell-shocked. You would also love to avoid your service provider, which we use to meet on regular basis, in case of any complaint about services.

No More Team Briefing and Team Outing

Team meeting for team building in preferred Hotel over drink will replace with conference room. “Now three people are in the office and two are at home, and each sit at her own desk. One unexpected benefit: “When you’re sitting next to someone in a conference room, you’re not necessarily seeing their facial expressions. But on video, you can. After continuously working for entire year and waiting for break with team on company will be thing of past for at least for a year. The companies will save this cost in big way to recover from loses from lockdown.

No More Lunch with Colleagues

You will miss having Lunch with your colleagues and sharing different variety of food, which they have brought it form home. No more “Wow your mom or wife really cook well “Organizations have already decided to stagger lunch timing and fix number of employees at certain time.

Most Infected Places in Your Office

The sad truth is that most of us spend more time at our offices than at any other place in our lives., it's even more upsetting when you consider that your office space is teeming with more than pressure and stress—it's also filled with germs.

From your computer mouse to photocopier, pretty much every item in your workplace is a breeding ground for illness-inducing bacteria. The purpose of bring this for you is not to scare you but to educate you how to live with all these without getting infected especially post lockdown

Your cafeteria Table or Breakout Area Table

Whether you are eating lunch or sipping tea at breakout area. So, it may come as an unwelcome surprise to learn that these areas may be germ-infested places Companies have to ensure that all these areas are frequently sanitized after every service

Your Desk Phone

Given how much the average office phone is used (and touched), it is covered with bacteria or you never know it is touched by infected person. You need to ensure to sanitize it after coming to office and do not allow anyone to use it. Organization too must provide extra instruments instead of one phone is used by two or three employees, which was earlier a common practice.

Your keyboard

One should be especially wary of shared keyboards. Make sure you sanitized your keyboard before using it as this is one thing which you use throughout your office time.

Your mouse

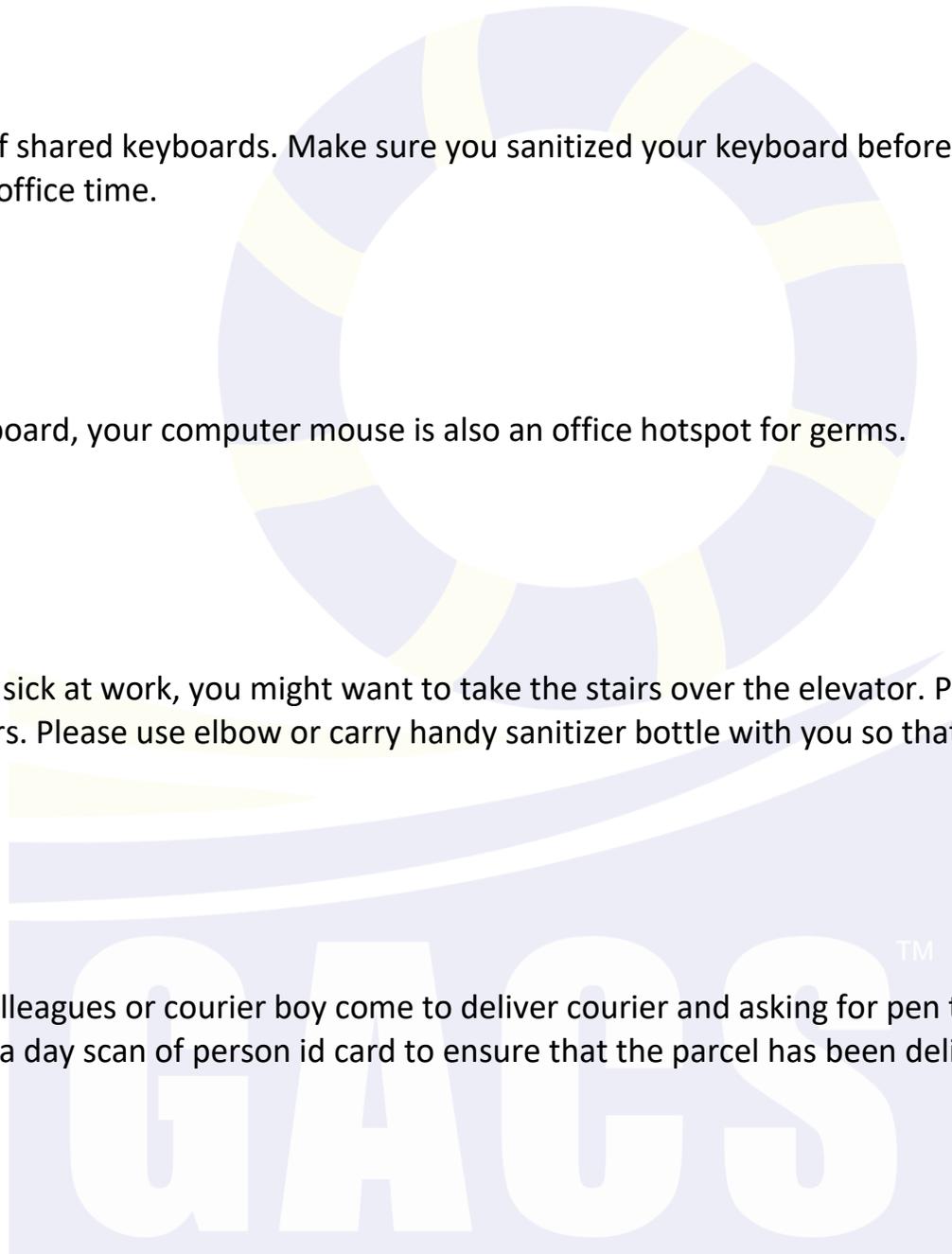
Though not as dirty as your keyboard, your computer mouse is also an office hotspot for germs.

The Elevator Button

If you are worried about getting sick at work, you might want to take the stairs over the elevator. Please do not press elevator button with your hands or fingers. Please use elbow or carry handy sanitizer bottle with you so that every time you press button you should sanitize your hand

Your Pens

Avoid giving your pen to your colleagues or courier boy come to deliver courier and asking for pen to take your signature. Although most of courier companies now a day scan of person id card to ensure that the parcel has been deliver to right person



The photocopier

You might want to put on some gloves before making that photocopy at work. Companies have to ensure to remove extra photocopier from workplace and make one photocopier room where a dedicated person should be doing photocopy for employees instead of everyone doing it themselves.

The Office Entrance Handle or Doorknob

Each employee opens the door to their office building at least twice a day, leaving behind germs and bacteria in the process. Companies must plan the solution either sensor-based doors which open detecting motion or mechanism where employees should not use hands and open the door by using shoes toe.

Conference Room Handle or Doorknob

And that is not the only door you have to worry about. Make sure you wash your hands or sanitize after every use or companies must make provision for opening of these doors by using the above mention technology. Though this is minimal in comparison to some of the other surfaces in your office

The Microwave Handle

That common microwave in pantry and cafeteria is another item that you need to watch out for. I am not sure what technology will be used as in most of cases the manufacturing companies have already started thinking of bringing these technologies in these products.

The Water Cooler Button

The office water cooler is a great place to chat with co-workers or refill your water bottle, of course. But it is also unfortunately a hotspot for bacteria. Technology here has also to play role.

Your Cell Phone

According to one 2012 University of Arizona study, cell phones carry 10 times more germs than most toilet seats. List of items are endless, but my aim was to highlight few which are commonly used in workplace and make you aware of following the hygiene norms to protect yourself form any kind of infection



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Glimpses of New Normal in Office

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Post-Lockdown



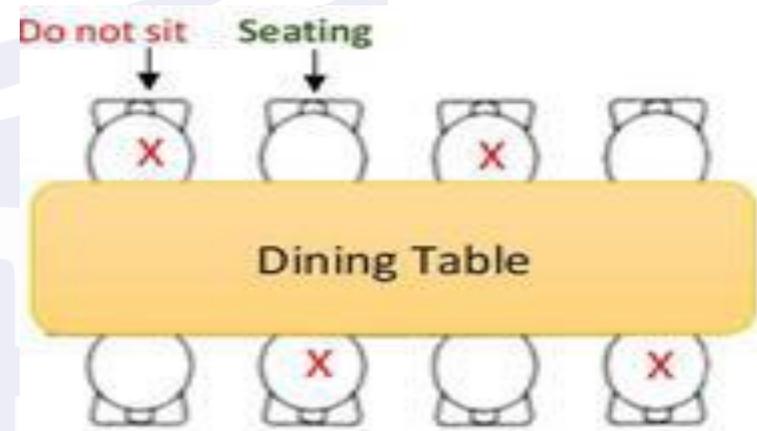
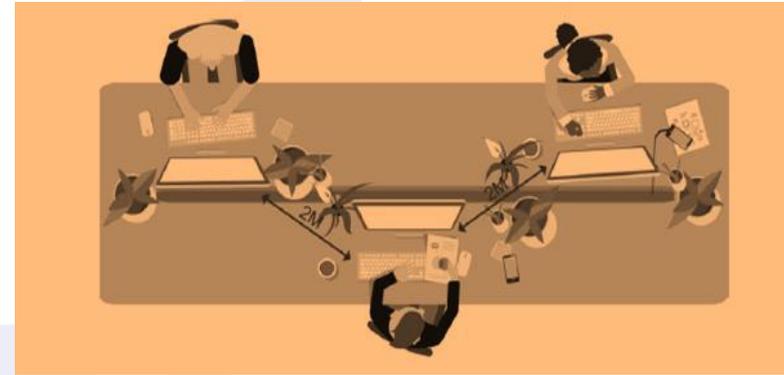
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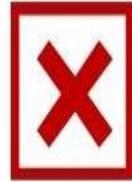
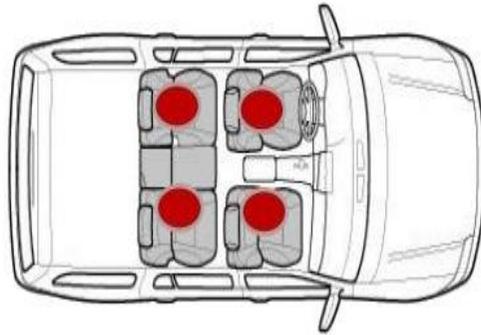


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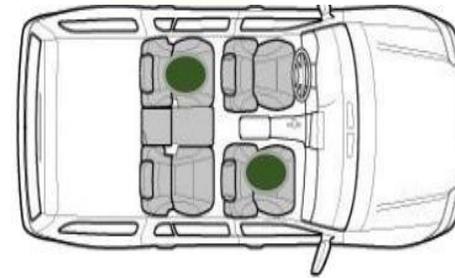
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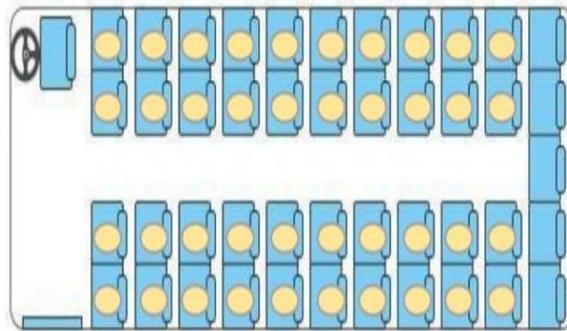
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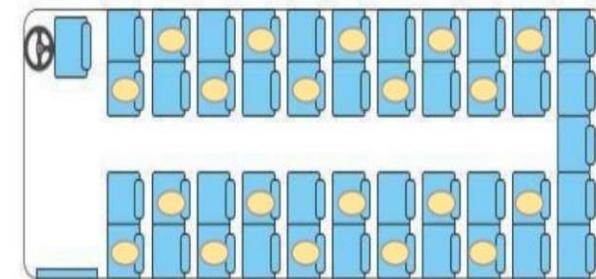
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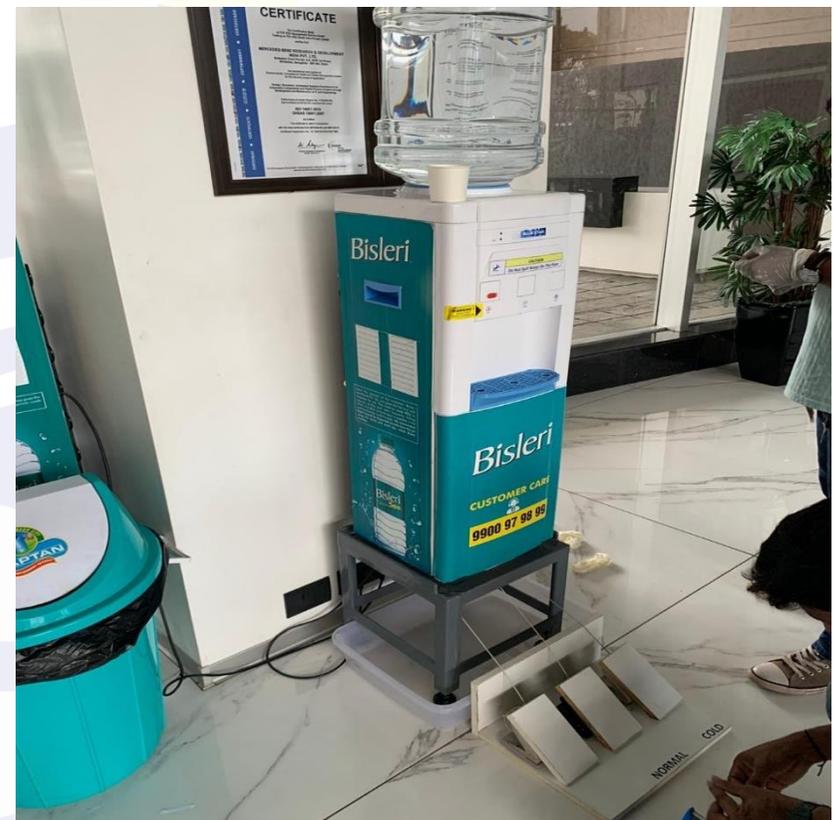
Go Touchless with Technology

Please note we are not promoting any Brand here. We are just showing the possibility of Go Touchless

Touchless Hand sanitizer



Touchless water Dispenser



Companies may also need to invest in a new suite of contactless technologies to reduce disease transmission.

Office doors will open automatically using motion sensors and facial recognition, while lifts - and even a coffee - can be ordered from a smartphone. Employees rarely need to touch the building with their hands or any services where you need to touch to dispense coffee etc will be thing of past.

Touchless Door Opener



Touchless Thermometer



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