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## The HVAC Factor Protecting Indoor Spaces from COVID-19



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# Course Objectives

- Understand the role of social interactions in the spread of COVID-19
- Understand the role of HVAC in creating an ambient IEQ
- Analyze the role of HVAC in the context of COVID 19
- Learn HVAC Operation Strategies to prevent transmission of respiratory diseases









I am <mark>Healthy</mark> and I might not get very sick!





















Image Source : Super Nurse' painted as an 'ode' to healthcare professionals around the world





































# Growing Evidence

The virus can stay alive beyond 6 feet
Airborne transmission is a route of infection.
Aerosols can stay floating in the air for hours and can travel long distances













	Residential		the h
	Basements	3-4	
	Bedrooms	5-6	
	Bathrooms	6-7	
	Family Living Rooms	6-8	
	Kitchens	7-8	
	Laundry	8-9	
	Light Commercial	12.02.0	
	Offices		
600	Business Offices	6-8	
	Lunch Break Rooms	7-8	
Vol	Conference Rooms	8-12	
VOI	Medical Procedure Offices	9-10	
	Copy Rooms	10-12	
CFM of your device	Main Computer Rooms	10-14	
Volume of your	Smoking Area	13-15	and the second sec
volume or your	Restaurants		
n	Dining Area	8-10	
	Food Staging	10-12	
	Kitchens	14-18	
	Bars	15-20	
	Public Buildings		
	Hallways	6-8	
	Retail Stores	6-10	
	Foyers	8-10	
	Churches	8-12	
	Restrooms	10-12	
	Auditoriums	12-14	
	Smoking Rooms	15-20	

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# Avoid air recirculation...





## Minimum outside air as required by ASHRAE Standard 62.1 with a filter with MERV-13



















CLASSIFICATIO?	Arrestance or Dust Spot Efficiency	US ASHRAE 52.2	European Union EN779 Class		Typical Controlled Contaminant	Application
	AFI <65 %	MERV 1	G1	Am< 65%	Particle bigger than 10.0µm (Pollen) (Spanish moss) (Dust mites) (Sanding dust) (Saray andar dust)	
PRE Filter (G Class)	AFI 65%-70%	MERV 2	G2 65% ≦ Am< 80%	65% ≦ Am< 80%		Gross filter, domestic and commercial
	AFI 70%-75%	MERV 3				
	AFI 75%-80%	MERV 4		(Textile fibers)		
	AFI 80%-85%	MERV 5	G3	80% ≤ Am<90%	Particle size within 3.0µm-10.0µm (Mod2) (Spores) (Hair spray) (Cement dus1) (Snuf7) (Powdered milk)	Commercial, industrial, paint shop
	AFI 85%-90%	MERV 6				
	NBS 25%-30%	MERV 7	G4	G4 90% ≦Am		
	NBS 30%-35%	MERV 8				
	NBS 40%-45%	MERV 9	E.F.	40% 5 Emc 60%	Particle Size within 1.0µm-3.0µm	
MEDIUM Filter (F Class)	NBS 50%-55%	MERV 10	15	40 % = Em< 60 %	(Lead dust) (Milled flour) (Cool dust)	IAQ concerned
	NBS 60%-65%	MERV 11	Er	60% SEm 20%	(Auto emissions) (Nebulizer drop) (Welding fumes)	industrial, medical
	NBS 70%-75%	MERV 12	го	60% = Em< 80%		
	NBS 80%-85%	MERV 13	F7	80% ≦Em< 90%	Particle size within 0.3µm-1.0µm (All bacteria)	IAQ concerned commercial, industrial, medical, food etc
	NBS 90%-95%	MERV 14	F8	90% ≤ Em< 95%	(cooking oil) (Most smoke)	
	NRS>95%	MERV 15	FØ	020 5 Em	(Copier toner) (Most face powder)	
	1465235 %	MERV 16 F9	95% ≤ Em	(Most paint pigments)		



Buildings should consider upgrading their HVAC systems to accommodate MERV 13 filters or use the highest MERV rating if upgrade is not viable

CLASSIFICATION	Mean Fractional Efficiency	IEST RP-CC001.3		European Union EN1822 Class	Typical Controlled Contaminant	Application
HEPA Filter	≥95% at 0.3µm	n/a TYPE A	H10	≥85% at MPPS	Particle size bigger than 0.3µm (Virus [unattached]) (Carbon dust) (Sea salt) (All combustion smoke) (Radon progeny)	
	≥98% at 0.3µm			≥ 95% at MPPS		
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(H Class)	≥ 99.99% at 0.3µm	TYPE C TYPE D	H12	≥ 99.5% at MPPS		All types of cleanroor
	≥ 99.995% at 0.3µm		H13	≥ 99.95% at MPPS		
	≥ 99.999% at 0.3µm		H14	≥ 99.995% at MPPS		
ULPA Filter (U Class)	≥99.9995% at 0.12µm	TYPE F	U15	≥ 99.9995% at MPPS	Particle size bigger than 0.12µm	
	≥ 99.99995% at 0.12µm		U16	≥ 99.99995% at MPPS		super cleanroom
	≥ 99.999995% at 0.12µm		U17	≥ 99.999995% at MPPS		

	Smallest Particles	I		•
MERV Rating	Air Filter will trap	Air Filter will trap Air	Air Filter will trap	Filter Type
	Air Particles size	Particles size	Air Particles size	<b>a</b> 2
	.3 to 1.0 microns	1.0 to 3.0 microns	3 to 10 microns	Removes These Particles
MERV 1	< 20%	< 20%	< 20%	Fiberglass & Aluminum Mesh
MERV 2	< 20%	< 20%	< 20%	~
MERV 3	< 20%	< 20%	< 20%	Pollen, Dust Mites, Spray Paint
MERV 4	< 20%	< 20%	< 20%	Carpet Fibres
MERV 5	< 20%	< 20%	20% - 34%	Cheap Disposable Filters
MERV 6	< 20%	< 20%	35% - 49%	~
MERV 7	< 20%	< 20%	50% - 69%	Mold Spores, Cooking Dusts,
MERV 8	< 20%	< 20%	70% - 85%	Hair Spray, Furniture Polish
MERV 9	< 20%	Less than 50%	85% or Better	Better Home Box Filters
MERV10	< 20%	50% to 64%	85% or Better	
MERV 11	< 20%	65% - 79%	85% or Better	Lead Dust, Flour, Auto
MERV 12	< 20%	80% - 90%	90% or Better	Fumes, Welding Fumes
MERV 13	Less than 75%	90% or Better	90% or Better	Superior Commercial Filters
MERV 14	75% - 84%	90% or Better	90% or Better	~
MERV 15	85% - 94%	95% or Better	90% or Better	Bacteria, Smoke, Sneezes
MERV 16	95% or Better	95% or Better	90% or Better	
	99.97%	99% or Better	99% or Better	HEPA & ULPA
HEPA & ULPA	99,997%	99% or Better	99% or Better	~
Filters	99.9997%	99% or Better	99% or Better	Viruses, Carbon Dust, <.30 pm
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ARS-CoV-2 Airborne	e Decay Calculator	
JV Index:	Temperature: 50 4 73°F/22	Relative Humidity: 86 20 70 2.8 °C 46%
OVID Stability:	Nigutes	Hours
0% (half-life):	5.16	0.09
0%:	17.14	0.29
9%:	34.28	0.57

Homeland Security	Science and	d Technology
SARS-CoV-2 Airborne De UV Index: 0 10 5	Temperature:	Relative Humidity:         86       20       70         22.8 °C       46%
COVID Stability: % Virus Decay 50% (half-life): 90%:	Minutes 3.59 11.92	Hours 0.06 0.20
99%:	23.84	0.40
		https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/sars-airborne-calculator







### What Can We Do NOW? Act Personally!

- Wear masks for sure
- Avoid Crowded places
- Social Distancing
- Support your local businesses
- Volunteer when possible













• ASHRAE leadership has approved the following two statements regarding transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and the operation of HVAC systems during the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 through the air is sufficiently likely that airborne exposure to the virus should be controlled. Changes to building operations, including the operation of heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems, can reduce airborne exposures.

• Ventilation and filtration provided by heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems can reduce the airborne concentration of SARS-CoV-2 and thus the risk of transmission through the air. Unconditioned spaces can cause thermal stress to people that may be directly life threatening and that may also lower resistance to infection. In general, disabling of heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems is not a recommended measure to reduce the transmission of the virus.







## USGBC

#### Healthy Economy Strategy

## **LEED Pilot Credits**

The pilot credits outline sustainable best practices that align with public health and industry guidelines related to cleaning and disinfecting, workplace re-occupancy, HVAC and plumbing operations.

- Safety First: Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Space credit
- Safety First: Re-enter Your Workspace credit
- Safety First: Building Water System Recommissioning credit
- Safety First: Managing Indoor Air Quality During COVID-19 credit
- Safety First: Pandemic Planning credit
- Safety First: Social Equity in Pandemic Planning credit













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