

# Safe Return to the Workplace and Public Buildings

Alaska House State Affairs Committee



## ASID and ASHRAE Presenters:



**Dana Nunn**, ASID, NCIDQ, LEED AP, WELL AP, RID (TX)

Dana, a highly accomplished commercial interior designer/project manager, has a passion for Alaska's community-centered projects, their unique heritage, sense of place and legacy. Her 17-yr focus on safety, accessible-universal design, sustainability and wellness is founded on integrative, evidence-based design, research, and science. Dana recently participated on an International Task Force studying the "Role Buildings Can Play in Reducing Health Burden of COVID-19 and other Respiratory Infections", and is Interior Design Director for Bettisworth North in Anchorage.



**Mary Knopf**, FASID, NCIDQ, ALEP, LEED AP, WELL AP

Mary Knopf is a recognized leader and mentor in the commercial interior design industry, both in Alaska and nationally. A WSU graduate with 30 years of commercial design experience in Alaska, Mary's focus is creating safe, healthy, and sustainable interior environments for education, office, hospitality, healthcare, and public/institutional buildings. Mary is a Principal with ECI, an architectural, planning and Design firm in Anchorage, Alaska.



**Craig Rohwer**, ASHRAE, B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Craig Rohwer is a specialist in mechanical air systems and products. He served 6 years on the Alaska board of directors for ASHRAE (*American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers*) educating Alaska's members on topics relevant to our region. With a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Craig is passionate about energy and cost-efficient systems, and improving air filtration/purification to mitigate virus transmission. Craig is an Account Manager with Trane in Anchorage, AK.

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## Preface:

*Service-providers, businesses and institutions face the necessity of creating Covid-responsive workplace and public buildings addressing an array of infection-control safety measures. These impact space utilization and planning, building sustainability and wellness, individual comfort and safety, cleanliness and disinfection, mitigating touchpoint contamination, and promotion of operational-procedural interventions.*

## Frequently Asked Questions:

Have you had any of the following thoughts? Concerned about your workplace? Please participate in the Hearing December 2, 2020 as we address these common concerns.

1. *How do we determine if our workplace is ready for re-occupancy?*
2. *If our building owners don't replace or update our air system, how might we mitigate airborne infection within our individual suite?*
3. *Do portable air purifiers disinfect the air? Could we use multiples around the office?*
4. *How can we mitigate touchpoint contamination in our school?*
5. *I think our staff is nervous about returning to the office building. How can we make sure it's safe and help them feel ok about it?*
6. *What modifications can be implemented with very limited funds?*
7. *How do these solutions vary for schools, prisons, hotels, restaurants?*
8. *What is HVAC and how can it help me get back to work?*
9. *Why is the finish on our waiting area furniture suddenly failing?*