

Prevention and Preparedness, Resilience and Recovery:

An IWBI Special Report



COVID-19 has led us to look at public health through an added lens of the spaces where we work, live, learn and play. The collective insight derived from the IWBI Task Force on COVID-19 and the work of its 600 members spotlights science and evidence on the backdrop of a global pandemic in order to promote healthier spaces.”



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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) initiated a Task Force on COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Infections, bringing together nearly **600 leading medical and public health practitioners, business and real estate professionals, building scientists, sustainability experts and members of academia.**

The Task Force on COVID-19 heeded a global appeal to establish actionable insights and proven strategies for managing buildings and organizations. Prevention and Preparedness, Resilience and Recovery: An IWBI Special Report is a culminating resource that integrates strategies from the WELL Building Standard (WELL) and expertise from IWBI staff and Task Force members.

Lead with Evidence

Facts matter—because they inform our actions. We aim to provide the most effective interventions that are grounded in the latest research and data.

Bring Equity to the forefront

It's beyond clear that public health is a public good. Knowing health and well-being are what all people need to thrive, we believe that people-first places are key to building a healthier future.

Inspire through Education

Public health literacy is a survival skill. The surest response to constant change is continuous education. This means learning and sharing with our communities to inform the work ahead.



Part One

Paving the way for an equitable recovery from COVID-19

Translating Research to Practice:

Stewarding the complicated process of translating research to real-world practice, guidance and standards.

Deploying Strategies for Prevention and Preparedness, Resilience and Recovery:

Providing actionable insights and solutions for organizations and communities responding to COVID-19.

Re-imagining the Policy Framework:

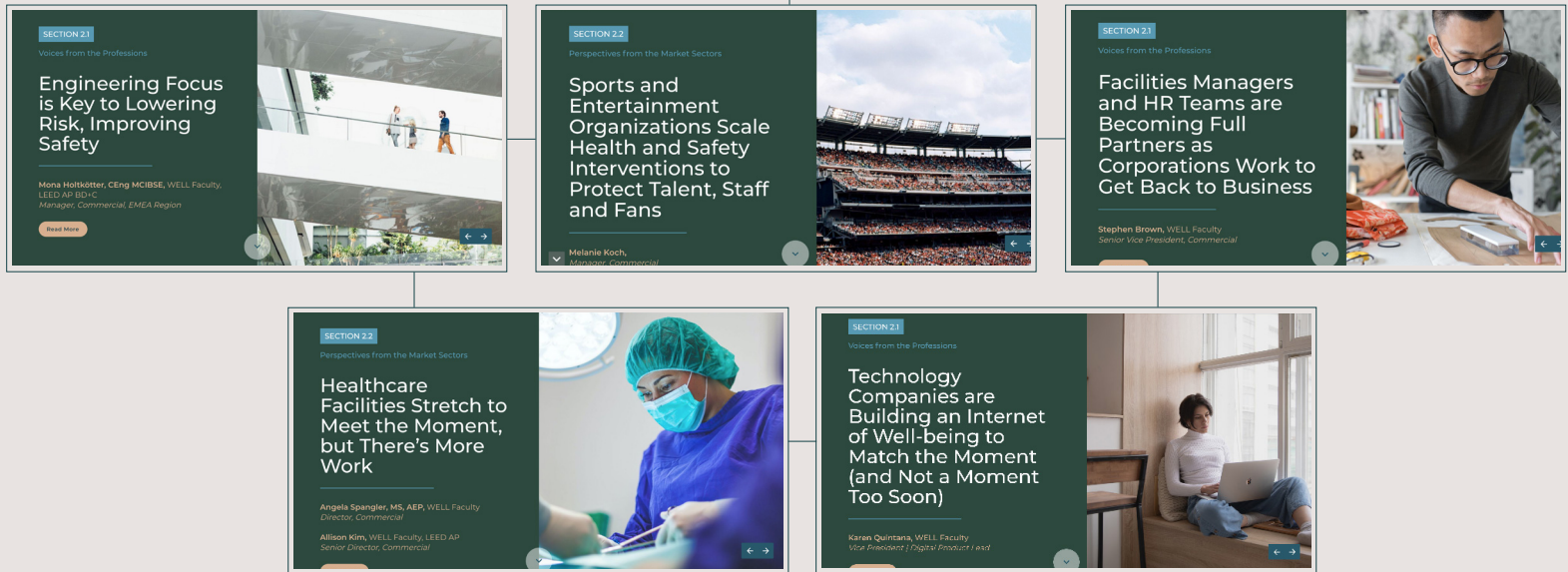
Setting a new bar for policy, one that integrates human health into building outcomes and prioritizes health equity.

Investing for Health:

Ensuring health plays a key role in how companies and shareholders assess where to invest while also driving structural change across investment and ESG landscapes.

Part Two

Voices from across industries and professions, with 17 chapters including:



Part Three

Observations from around the globe, with six chapters including:



As we move forward together on the path to fully realize a culture of health, it's essential that we make use of the right tools and solutions to help deliver better buildings for all. By enlisting our buildings and retooling everything about them to be optimized for health, we will not only re-imagine the future of the built environment, but **we'll also move rapidly toward a brighter future where everyone has the chance to attain their full health potential.**

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