

# WELL HEALTH-SAFETY RATING



An evidence-based, third-party verified rating focused on operational policies, maintenance protocols and emergency plans to address a post-COVID-19 environment now and broader health and safety-related issues into the future.



## OPERATIONAL POLICIES

Adoption of policies and procedures to facilitate a healthy and safe workplace or facility.

## MAINTENANCE PROTOCOLS

Implementation of facilities management and maintenance protocols designed to reduce the risk of infectious disease transmission.

## EMERGENCY PLANS

Development of emergency plans and protocols that, when applied, help to safeguard building users.

## STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION

Regular communications, education and signage that capture important updates, activities and information.



## INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Guidance on the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and leading academic and research institutions.

## IWBI TASK FORCE ON COVID-19

The genesis of the rating was feedback from the IWBI Task Force on COVID-19, a group of nearly 600 public health experts, virologists, government officials, academics, business leaders, architects, designers, building scientists and real estate professionals established in late March 2020 to inform IWBI's response to the pandemic.

## THE WELL BUILDING STANDARD

Applicable strategies from the WELL Building Standard that support prevention and preparedness, resilience and recovery relative to COVID-19.

## WELL ADVISORIES

Industry experts and researchers across the WELL Concept Advisories, the WELL Research Advisory, the WELL Advisory for Sports and Entertainment Venues, the WELL Advisory for Hotels and Resorts and the WELL Airport Advisory also provided extensive insights to inform the WELL Health-Safety Rating.

## WHY THIS RATING MATTERS NOW

Created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and consisting of operational interventions that can be made to help mitigate it's spread across five key themes:



Cleaning and sanitization procedures



Health service resources



Emergency preparedness programs



Air and water quality management



Stakeholder engagement and communication

# THE WELL HEALTH-SAFETY RATING HELPS YOU REOPEN WITH CONFIDENCE

## CREDIBLE

The WELL Health-Safety Rating was created by IWBI, the organization that oversees the world's premier framework for advancing health in buildings and spaces of all kinds, the WELL Building Standard (WELL), which is in use by more than 4,000 projects spanning 62 countries and 580 million square feet of real estate and represents eight years of bridging health science and building science.

## FLEXIBLE

Large and small organizations alike can achieve the WELL Health-Safety Rating, pursuing the strategies that reflect their specific needs and goals, with the option to adjust their approach as needed at each annual renewal.

## VERIFIED

Third-party document review and annual verification of policies, protocols and strategies through Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI) instills confidence in an organization's stakeholders and validates the successful achievement of the rating.

## ACCESSIBLE

Priced for accessibility, with a focus on interventions that require little to no capital expenditure.

## IMPACTFUL

The WELL Health-Safety seal can be placed on every building that has earned the rating as a visible mark to indicate the work an organization has done to support the health and safety of people.

# THE WELL HEALTH-SAFETY RATING

## YOUR JOURNEY

1

### ENROLL

Sign up and share your annual commitment to achieving the WELL Health-Safety Rating.

2

### CUSTOMIZE YOUR APPROACH

Select the features that are relevant to your project.

3

### REVIEW

Undergo third-party documentation for review by GBCI to confirm you've successfully met the feature-specific intent and requirements.

4

### ACHIEVE

Earn the WELL Health-Safety Rating and promote your achievement.

5

### RENEW

Apply for your annual seal to demonstrate ongoing commitment to upholding operational policies, maintenance protocols, emergency plans and stakeholder engagement.

## FOR FACILITIES OF ALL TYPES



Sports & Entertainment



Restaurants



Movie Theaters



Education



Hotels & Resorts



Retail



Offices



Industrial



Multifamily



And more

## GET STARTED TODAY:

- ▶ **The WELL Health-Safety Rating is now open for enrollments from all types of buildings and facilities.**
- ▶ Sign up to receive more information on how to begin your journey with the WELL Health-Safety Rating
- ▶ [wellcertified.com/health-safety](https://wellcertified.com/health-safety)

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