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The “Ins & Outs” and Importance of Ventilation



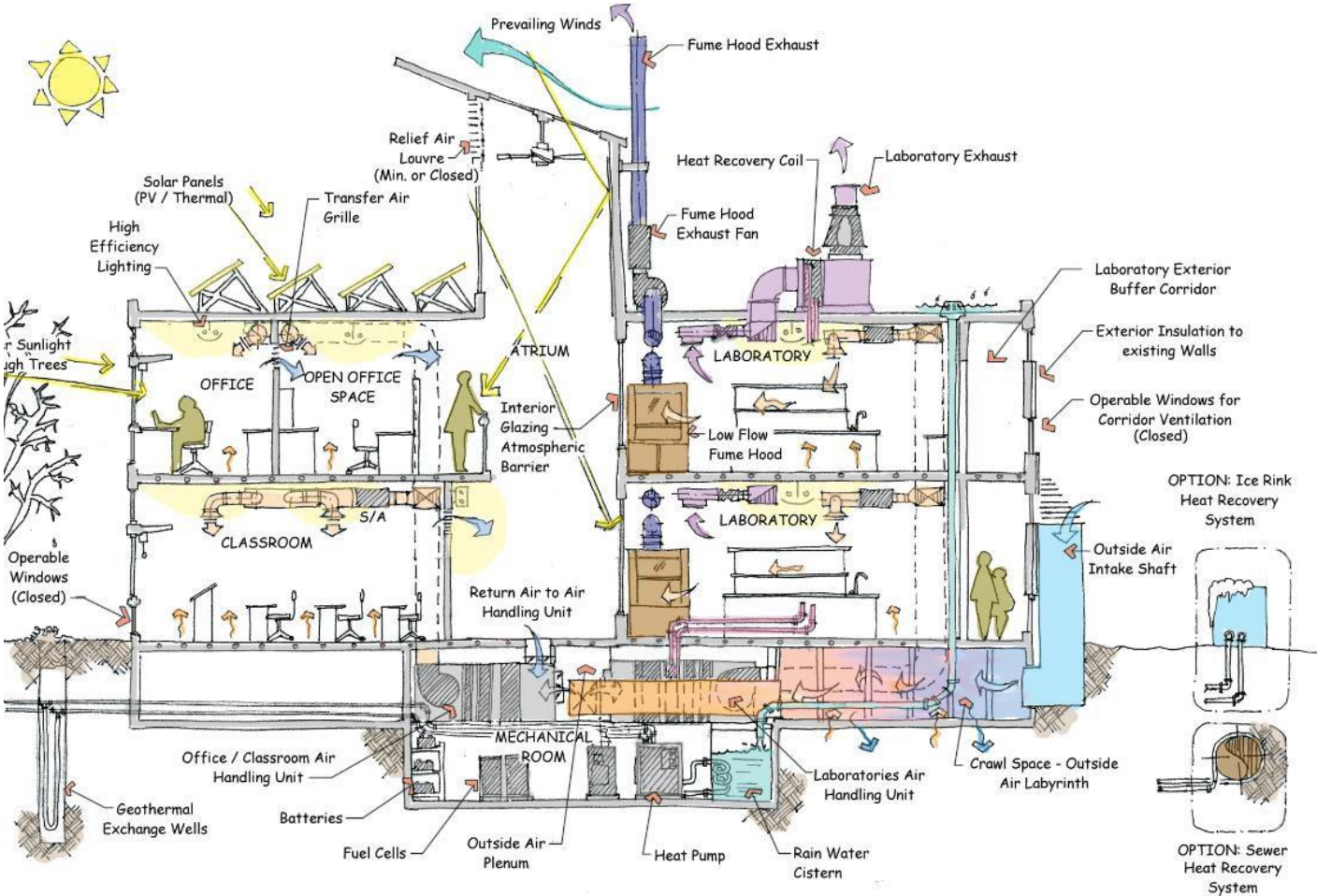
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What is Ventilation

- Fresh **Outside Air** entering a building
- Contaminated or “used” **Exhaust Air** leaving a building
- CFM = cubic foot per minute
- ACH = air changes per hour



Why Ventilate?

- Human Health
- Productivity & Alertness (CO₂)
- Moisture/humidity control
- Odor & Contaminant removal
- Pressurization

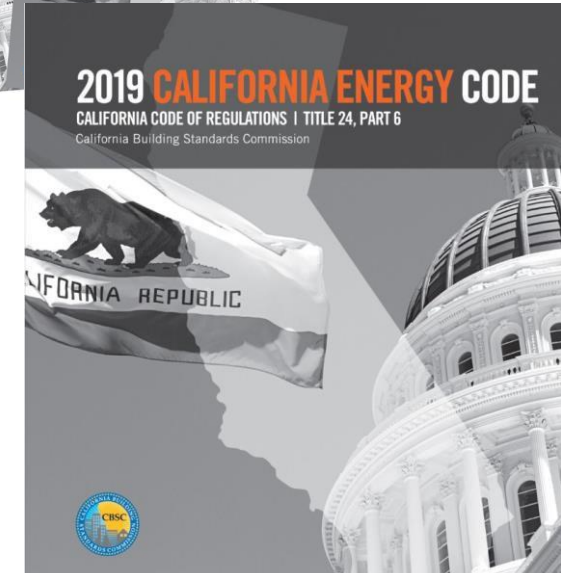
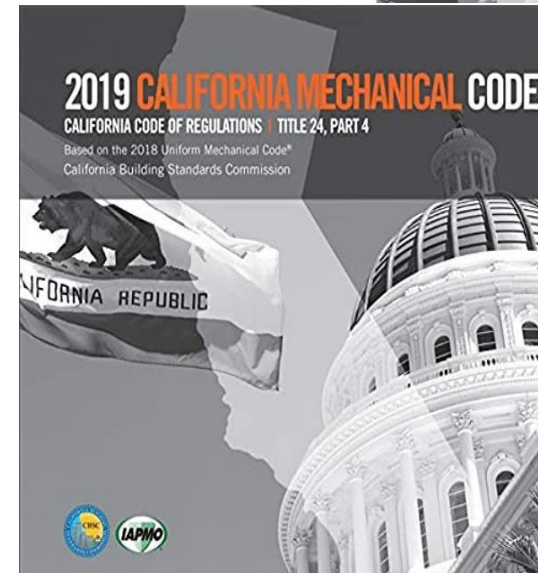
For Occupants



How Much Ventilation is Required?

- Building Codes establish *minimum* required ventilation rates
- Application specific design requirements (Labs, Healthcare, Cleanrooms)
- Voluntary High Performance “Green” standards

California Code of Regulations (C.C.R), Title 24



Code Required Ventilation



VENTILATION AIR

**TABLE 402.1 (continued)
MINIMUM VENTILATION RATES IN BREATHING ZONE^{1,2}
[ASHRAE 62.1: TABLE 6.2.2.1]**

OCCUPANCY CATEGORY ⁴	PEOPLE OUTDOOR Air Rate R_p (cfm/person)	AREA OUTDOOR Air Rate R_A (cfm/ft ²)	DEFAULT OCCUPANT DENSITY ³ (people/1000 ft ²)	AIR CLASS
Shipping/receiving ^b	10	0.12	2	2
Sorting, packing, light assembly	7.5	0.12	7	2
Telephone closets	—	—	—	1
Transportation waiting	7.5	0.06	100	1
Warehouses ^b	10	0.06	—	2
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY SPACES				
Auditorium seating area	5	0.06	150	1
Courtrooms	5	0.06	70	1
Legislative chambers	5	0.06	50	1
Libraries	5	0.12	10	1

**TABLE 403.7
MINIMUM EXHAUST RATES
[ASHRAE 62.1: TABLE 6.5]**

OCCUPANCY CATEGORY ⁸	EXHAUST RATE (cfm/unit)	EXHAUST RATE (cfm/ft ²)	AIR CLASS
Arenas ²	—	0.50	1
Art classrooms	—	0.70	2
Auto repair rooms ¹	—	1.50	2
Barber shops	—	0.50	2
Bathroom ^{11,12}	20/50	—	2
Beauty and nail salons	—	0.60	2
Cells with toilet	—	1.00	2
Copy, printing rooms	—	0.50	2
Darkrooms	—	1.00	2
Educational science laboratories	—	1.00	2
Janitor closets, trash rooms, recycling	—	1.00	3
Kitchens – commercial	—	0.70	2
Kitchenettes	—	0.30	2

NONRESIDENTIAL, HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCIES, AND COVERED PROCESSES—MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

**TABLE 120.1-A—continued
MINIMUM VENTILATION RATES**

OCCUPANCY CATEGORY	AREA OUTDOOR AIR RATE ¹ , R_A cfm/ft ²	MIN AIR RATE FOR DCV ² cfm/ft ²	AIR CLASS	NOTES
Office Buildings				
Breakrooms	0.50	0.15	1	
Main entry lobbies	0.50	0.15	1	F
Occupiable storage rooms for dry materials	0.15		1	
Office space	0.15		1	F
Reception areas	0.15		1	F
Telephone/data entry	0.15		1	F
Miscellaneous Spaces				

- Occupant based: CFM/person
- Area based: CFM/sqft



High Performance Ventilation

CONVENTIONAL

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY CONDITIONS



Carbon dioxide levels at

950

parts per million



Ventilation rates at

20

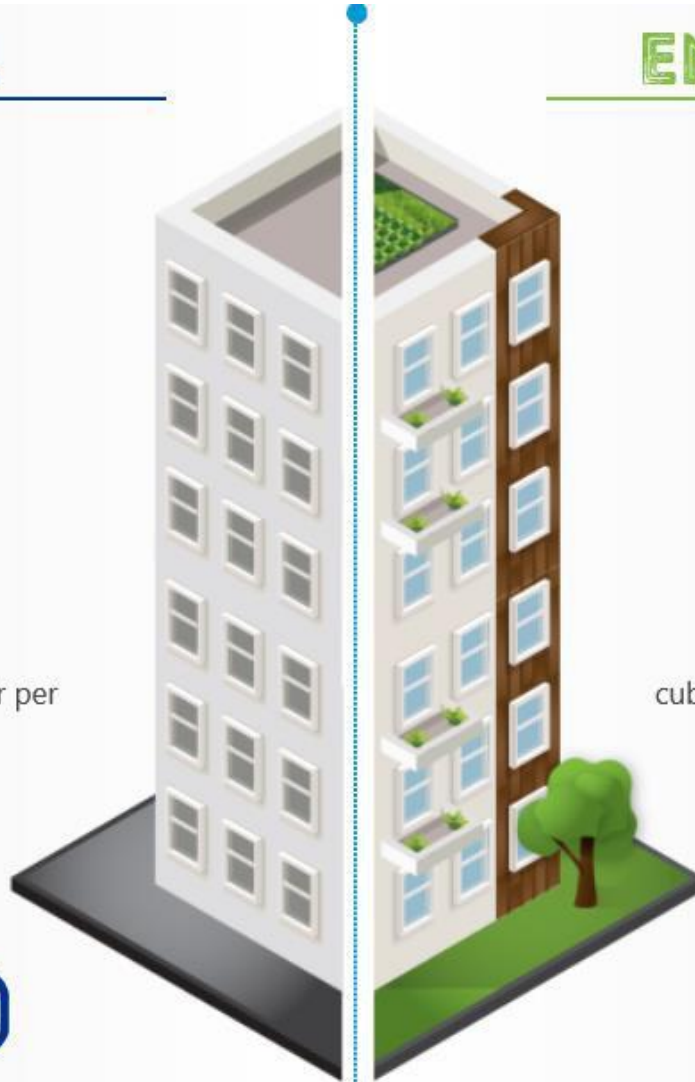
cubic feet per minute of outdoor air per
person



Indoor total volatile
organic compounds

**BETWEEN
500-700**

micrograms/cubic meter



ENHANCED GREEN

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY CONDITIONS

Carbon dioxide levels at

600



parts per million

Ventilation rates at

40



cubic feet per minute of outdoor air per
person

Indoor total volatile
organic compounds

**LESS THAN
50**



micrograms/cubic meter

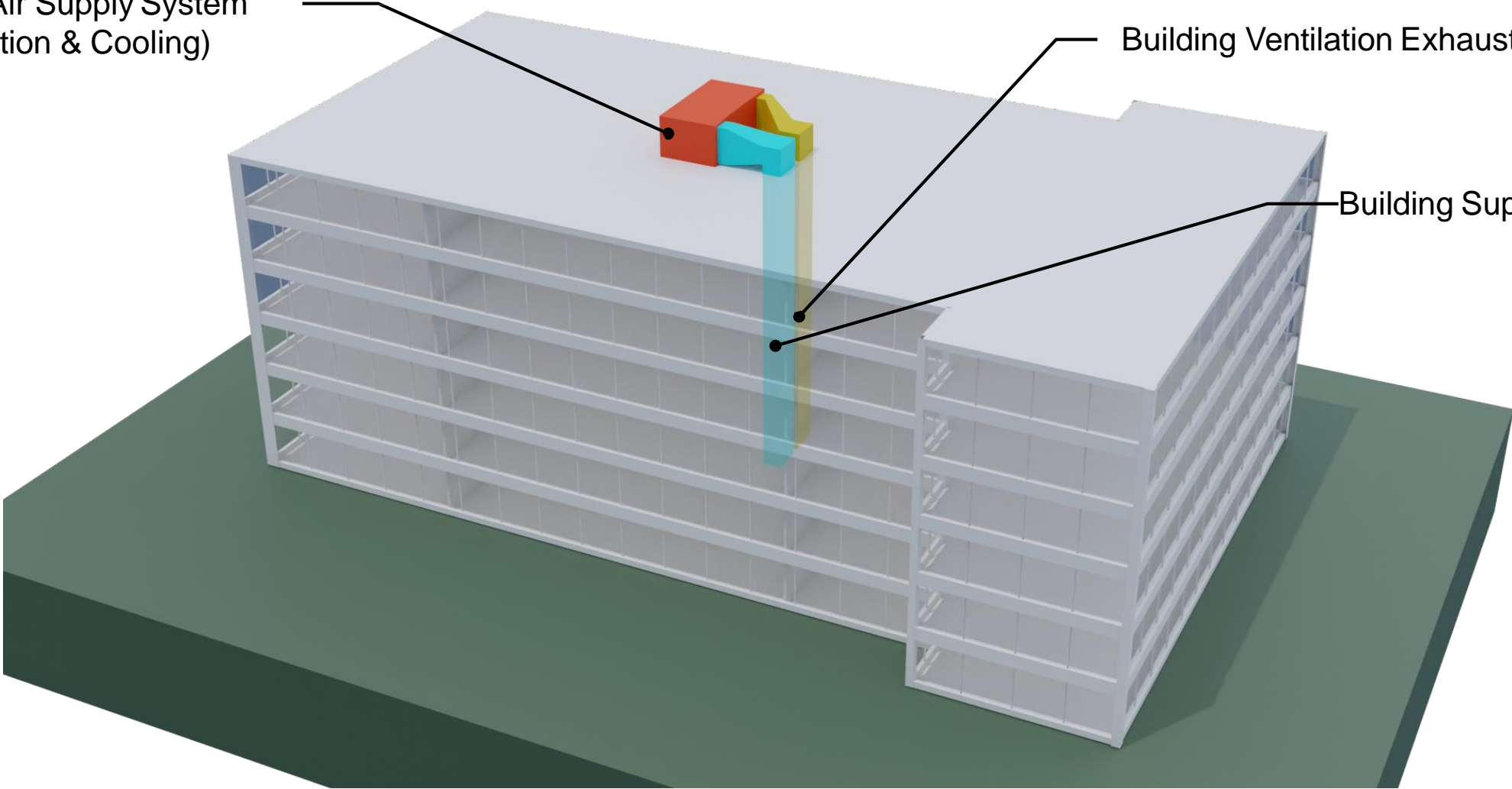


Conventional Non-Residential Ventilation

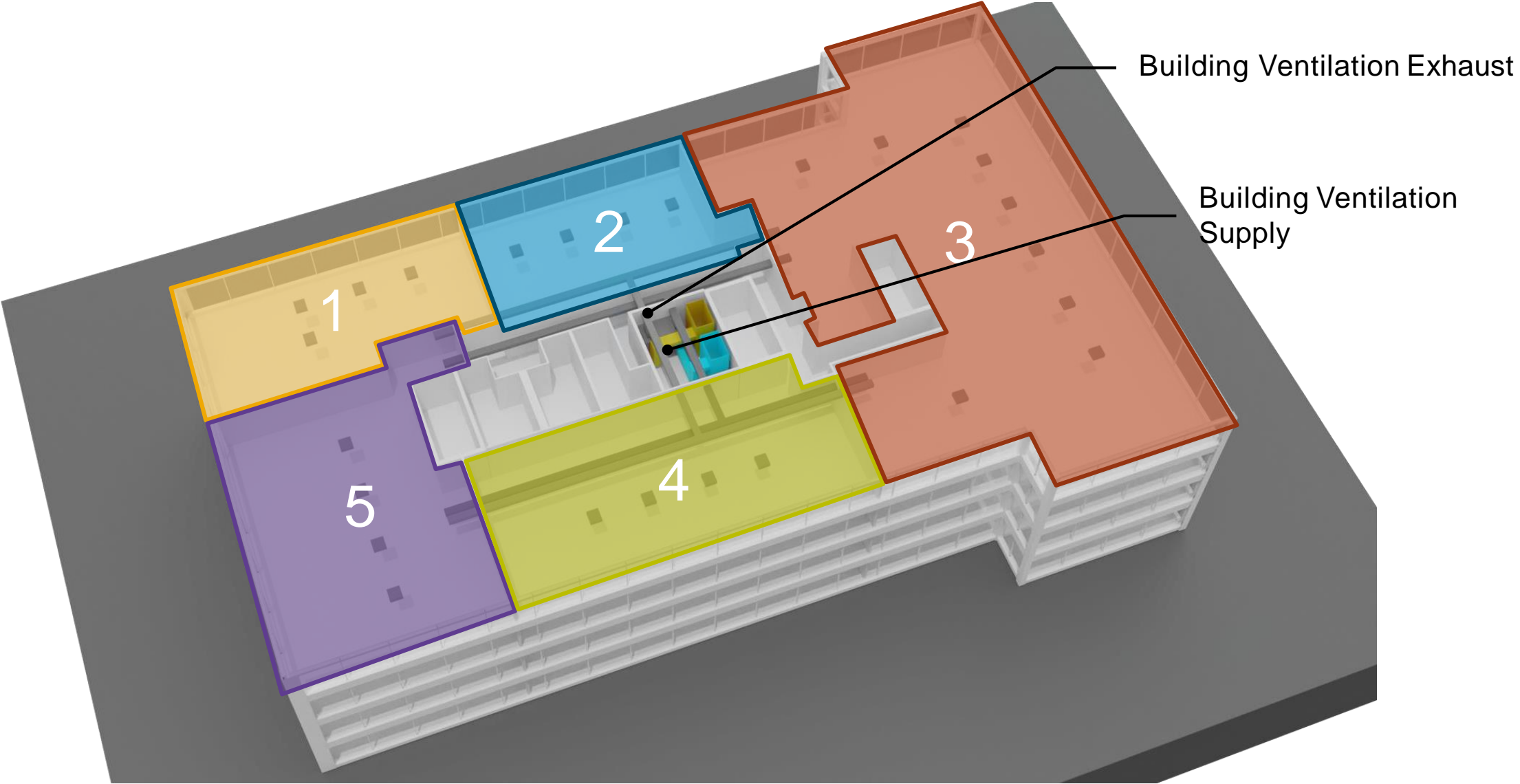
Mixed Air Supply System
(Ventilation & Cooling)

Building Ventilation Exhaust/Return

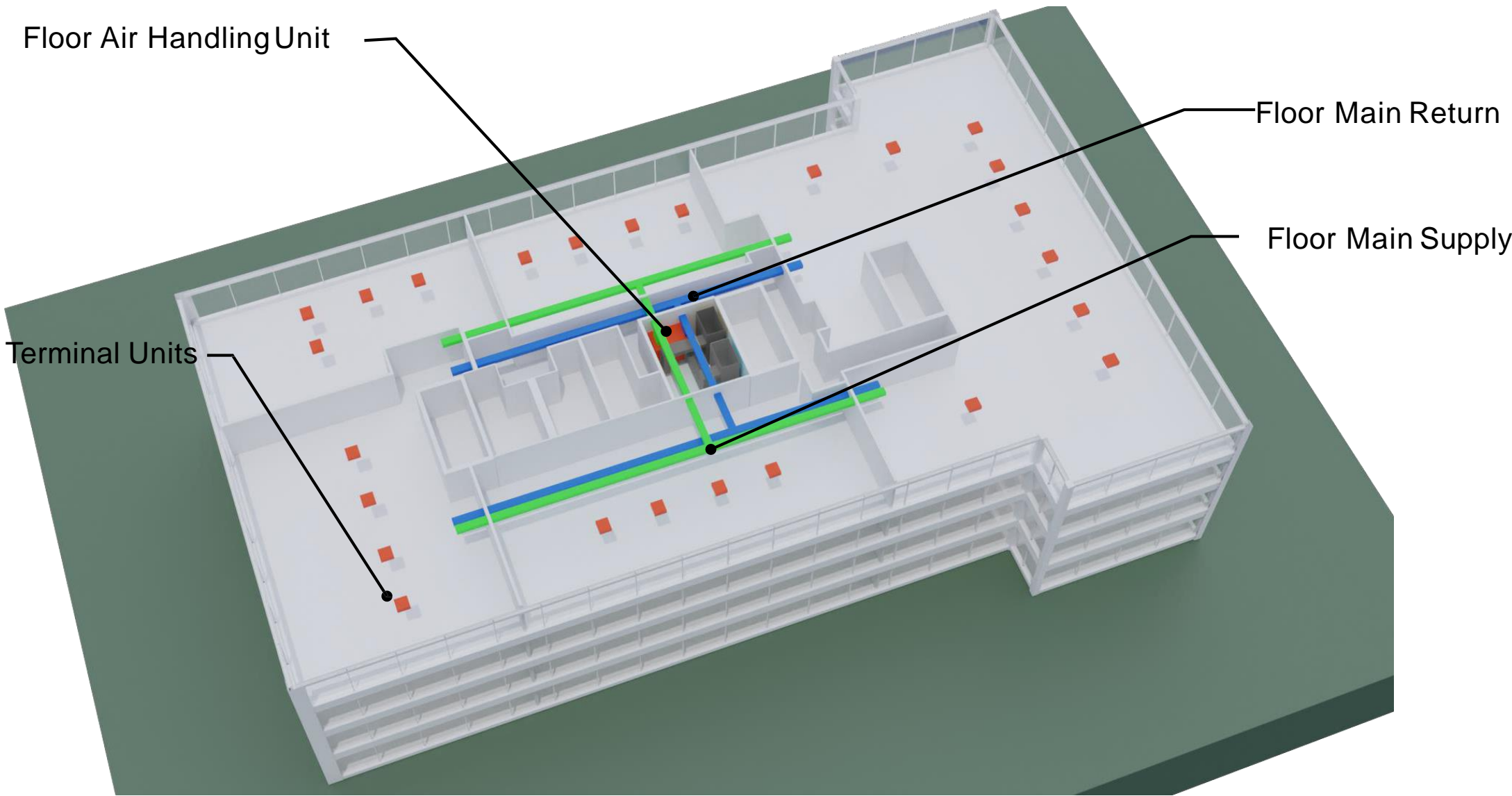
Building Supply



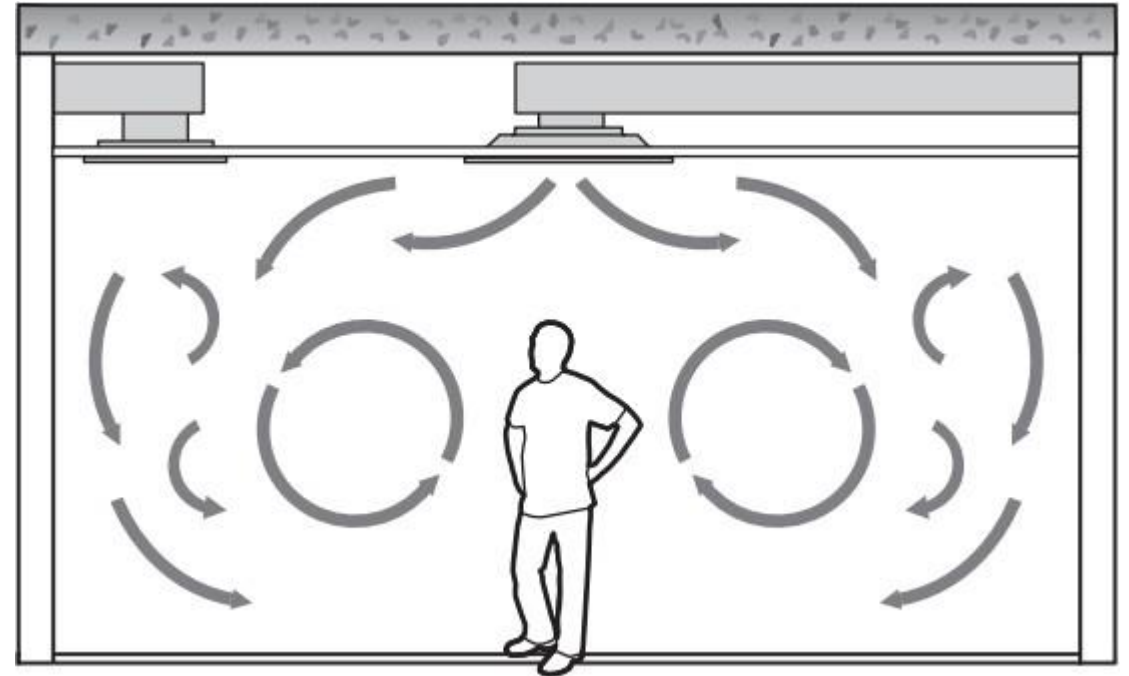
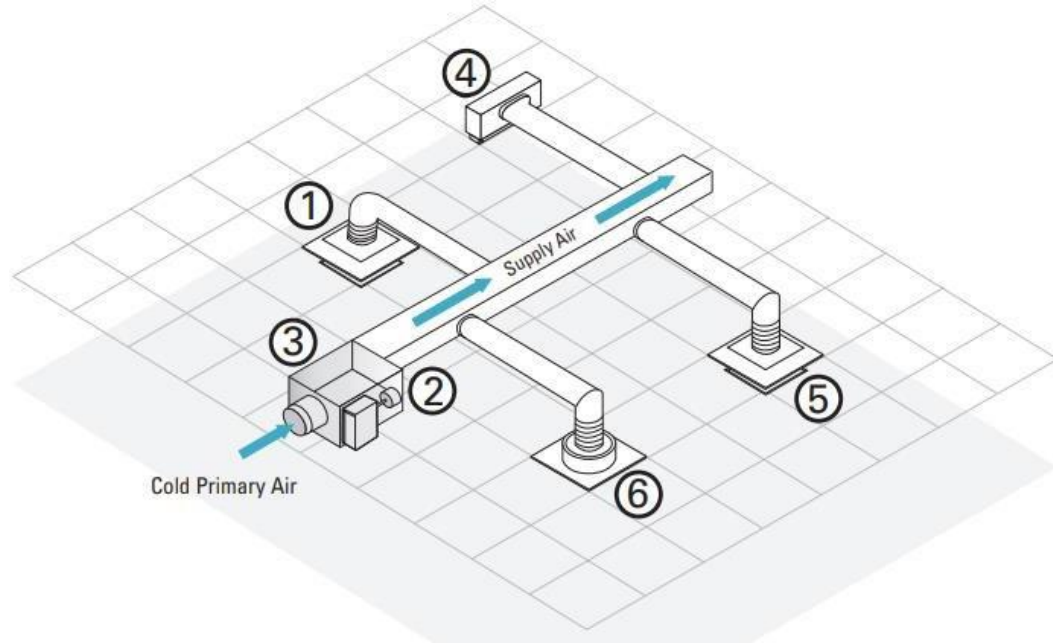
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Conventional Non-Residential Ventilation



Typical Values

- (Mixed) Supply Airflow Rate: 0.75 – 1.5 cfm/sqft
- Ventilation (Outside air) percentage: 15-20%
- Ventilation airflow: 0.15-0.2 cfm/sqft
- Total air changes per hour (ACH): 4-6
- Outside Air ACH: ~1

Filtration

MERV Rating = Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value

MERV Rating	Microparticle Performance Rating (MPR) .3-1.0 micron (µm)	Performance Rating Particles sized 1.0 to 3.0 microns (µm)	Performance Rating Particles sized 3 to 10 microns (µm)	Typical Application	Common Filter Types - Types of Particles
5	< 20%	< 20%	20% - 34%	• Industrial Workplace	• Disposable/ Throwaway
6	< 20%	< 20%	35% - 49%	• Paint Booth	• Pocket Filters
7	< 20%	< 20%	50% - 69%	• Commercial Buildings	• Pleated Filters
8	< 20%	< 20%	70% - 85%	• Standard Residential	<i>Pollen, Dust Mites, Spray Paint, Carpet Fibers</i>
9	< 20%	Less than 50%	85% or Better	• Better Commercial Buildings	• Bag Filters
10	< 20%	50% - 64%	85% or Better	• Hospital Labs	• Pleated Filters
11	< 20%	65% - 79%	85% or Better	• Better Residential	• Box Filters
12	< 20%	80% - 90%	90% or Better		<i>Lead Dust, Flour, Auto/Welding Fumes</i>
13	Less than 75%	90% or Better	90% or Better	• Superior Commercial Buildings	• Pleated Filters
14	75% - 84%	90% or Better	90% or Better	• Hospitals	• Cartridge Filters
15	85% - 94%	95% or Better	90% or Better	• Smoking Lounges	• Box Filters
16	95% or Better	95% or Better	90% or Better		<i>Bacteria, Smoke, Sneezes</i>
17	99.97%	99% or Better	99% or Better	• Pharmaceutical Mfg.	• HEPA & ULPA
18	99.997%	99% or Better	99% or Better	• Carcinogenetic Materials	
19	99.9997%	99% or Better	99% or Better	• Cleanrooms	
20	99.9997%	99% or Better	99% or Better		<i>Viruses, Carbon Dust, < .30 µm</i>

Previous Code Requirement (2016 & earlier)

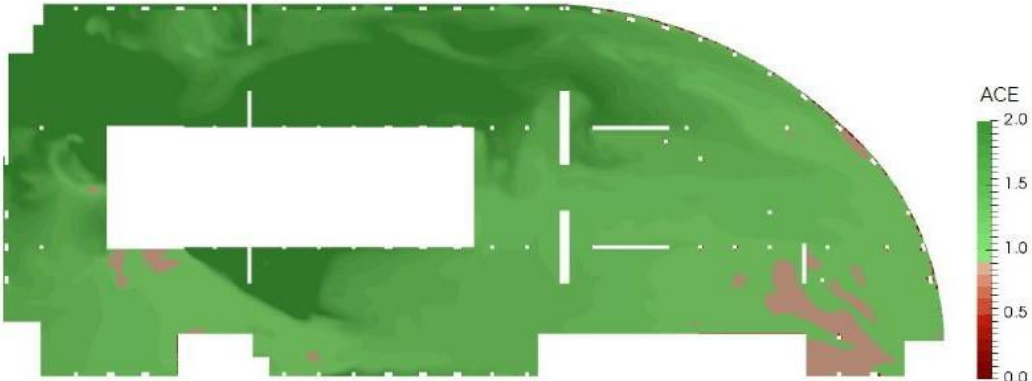
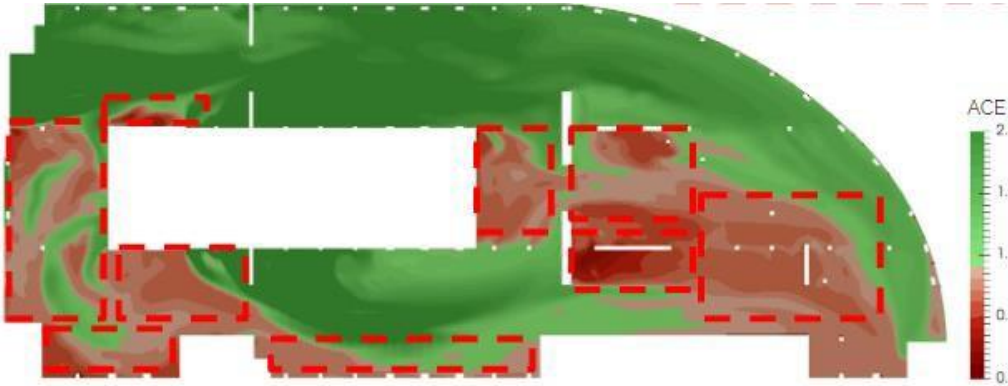
Current Code Requirement (2019 in effect since Jan 1, 2020)



2019 CalGreen (Title 24, Part 11, 5.504.5.3)
In mechanically ventilated buildings, provide regularly occupied areas of the building with air filtration media for outside and return air that provides a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 13.

Challenges with Ventilation

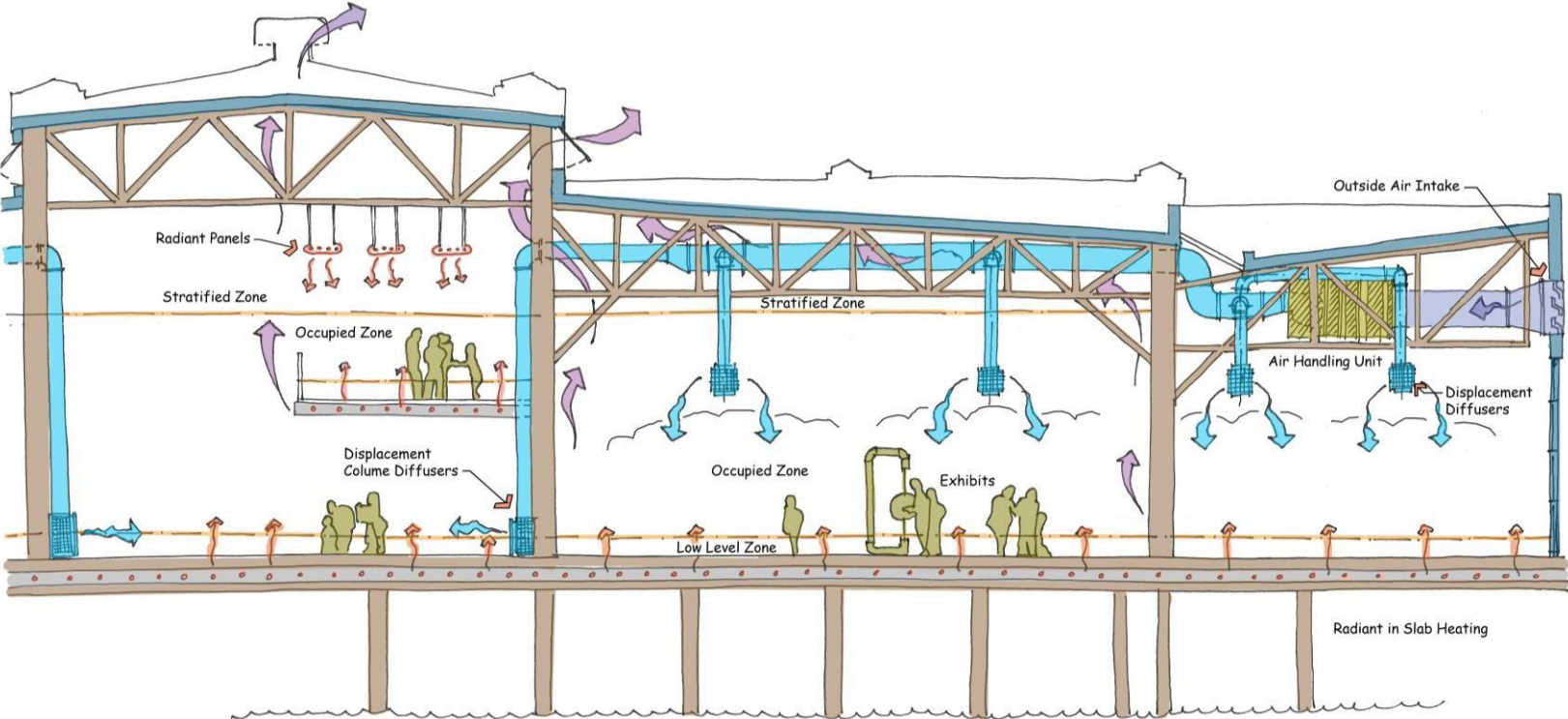
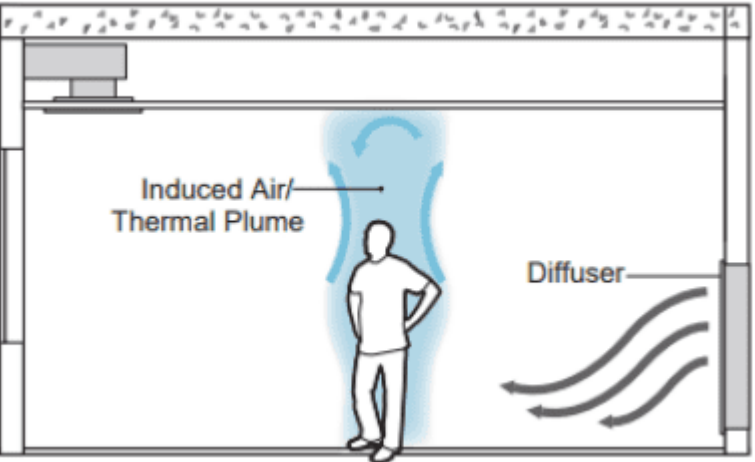
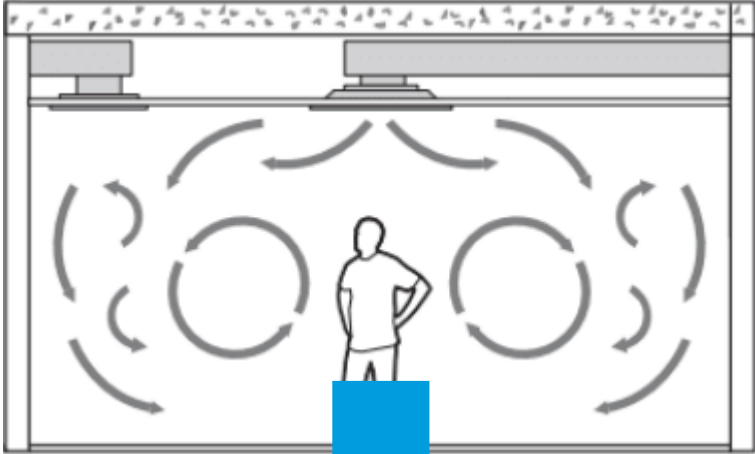
- Energy use (fan power & heating/cooling)
- Space (ductwork, shafts, mechanical equipment)
- Cost (first cost & operation)
- Effectiveness



Areas with High Potential of pollutant accumulation



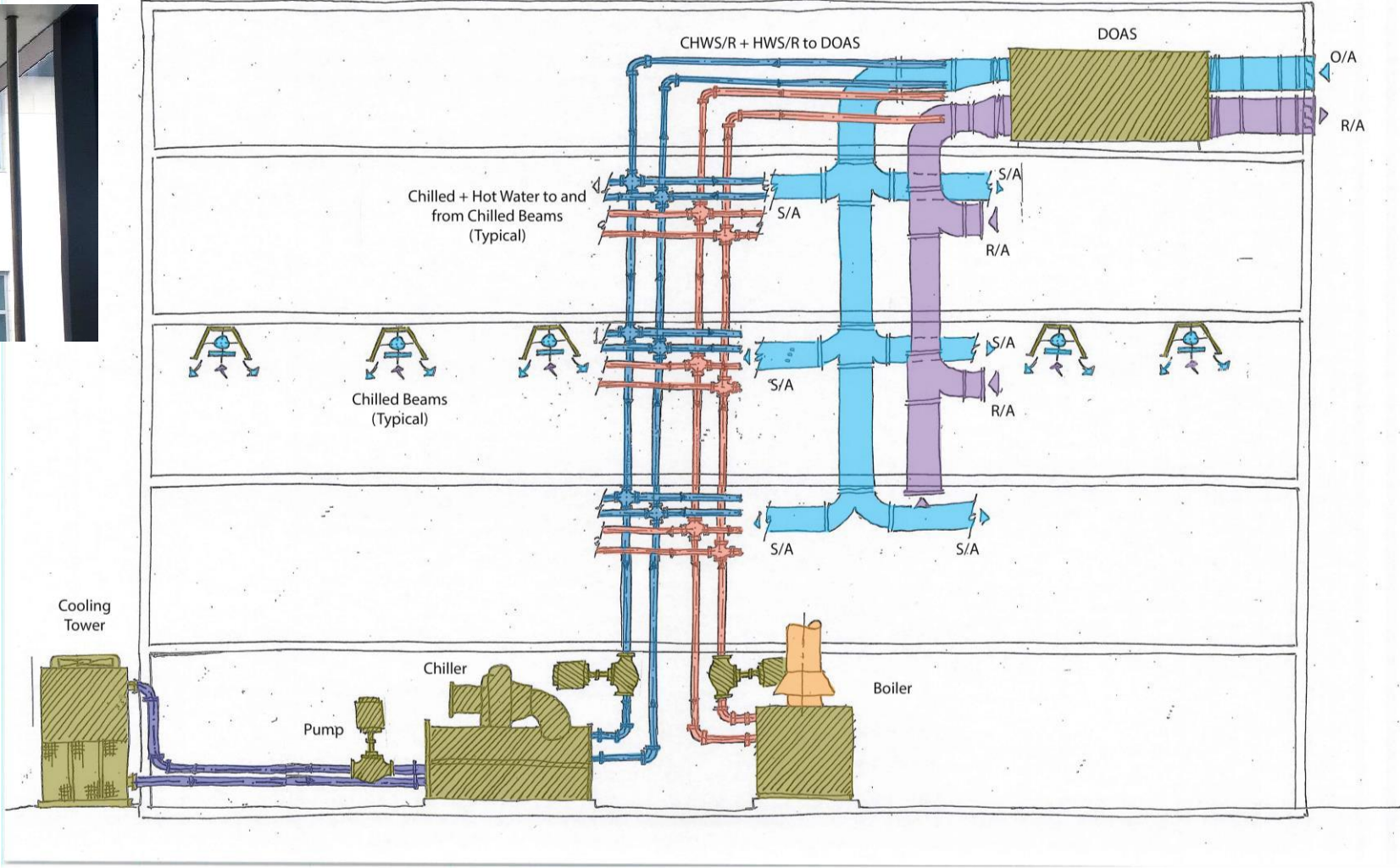
Alternate Ventilation Strategy – Displacement



Alternate Ventilation Strategy – Dedicated Outside Air System (DOAS)

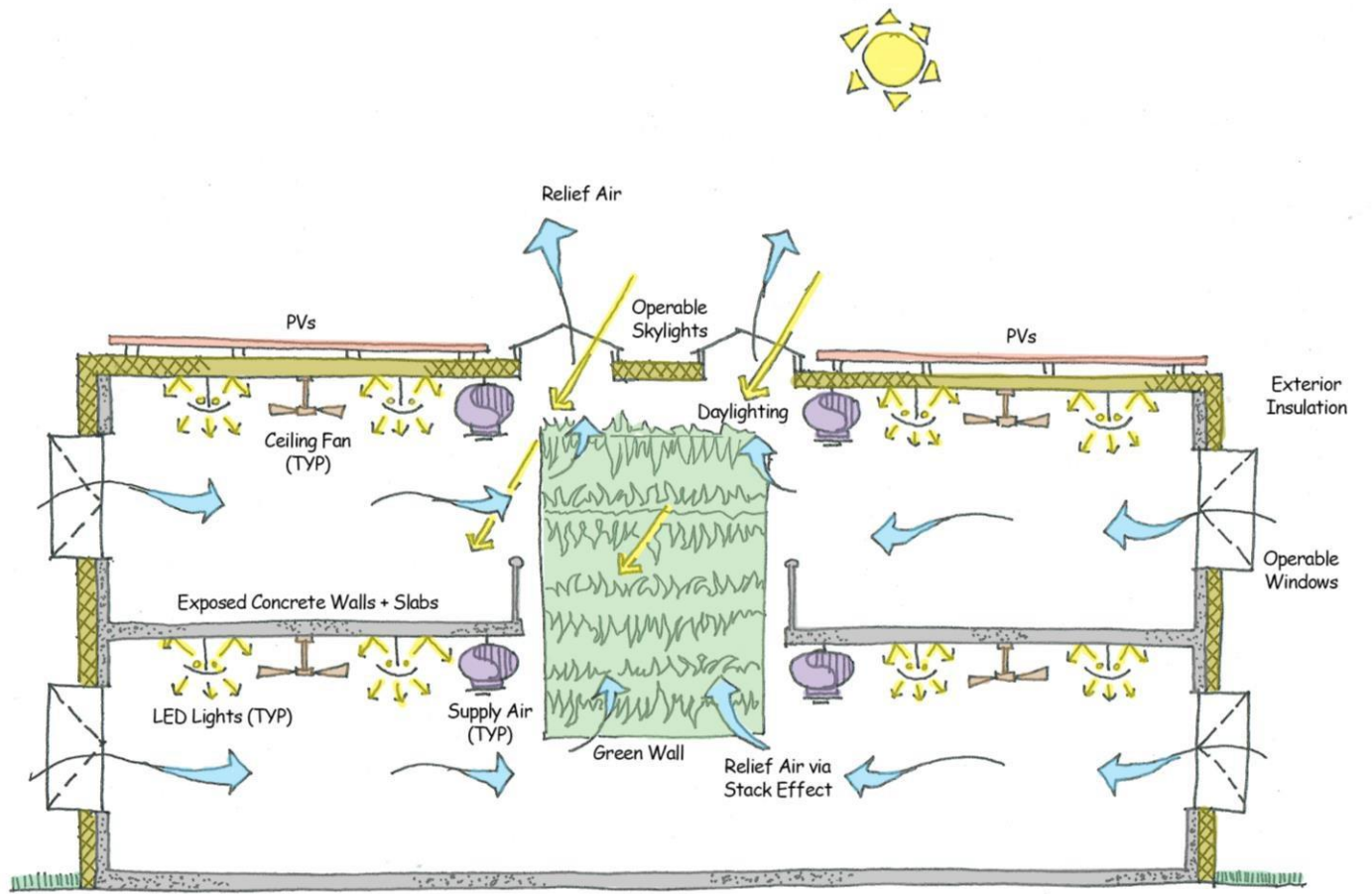


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Chilled Beams



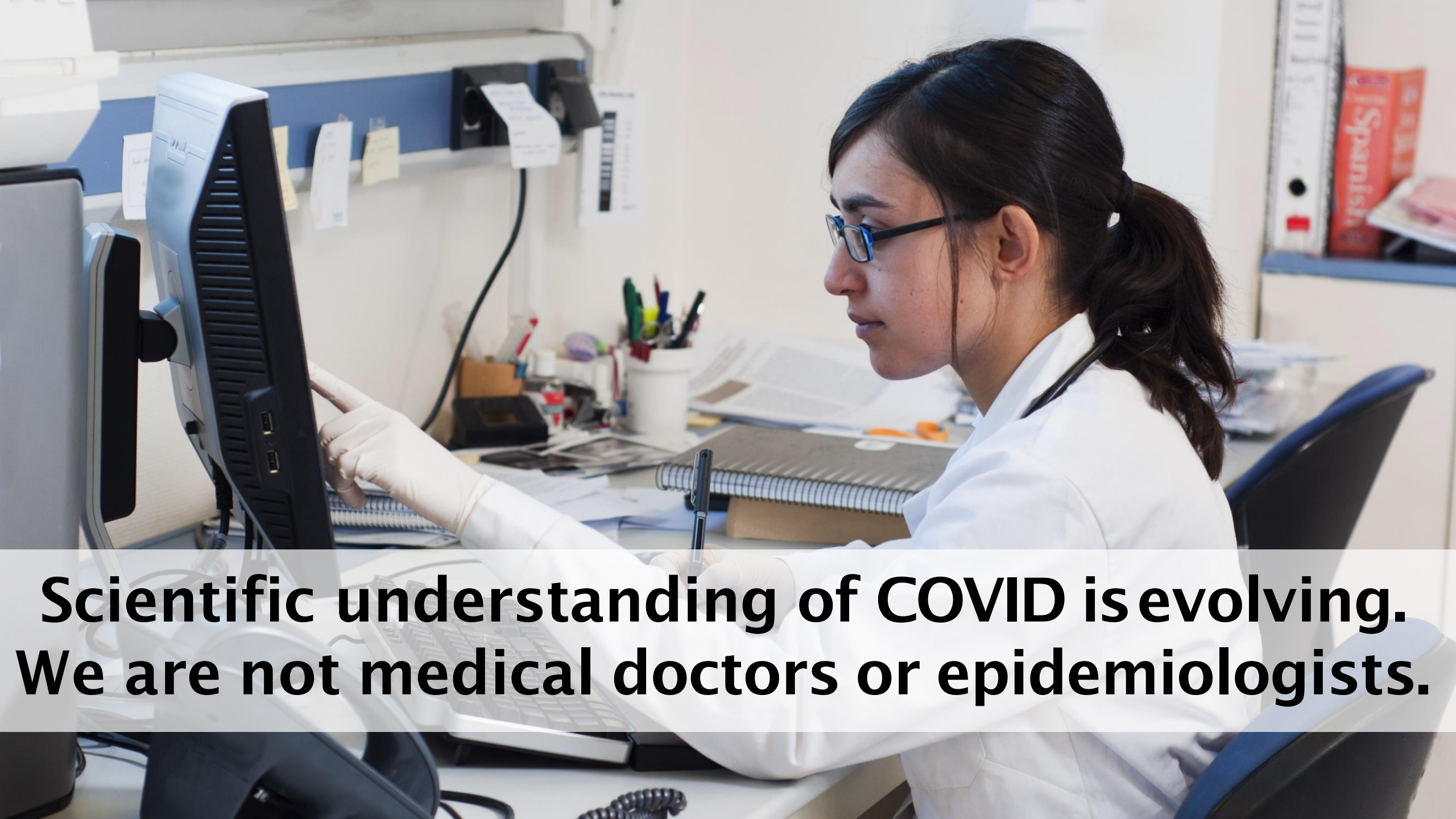
Alternate Ventilation Strategy – Natural Ventilation

- Operable windows, louvers
- Cooling & ventilation
- Stack effect
- Supplement with fans
- Up to 20-25 ACH is common





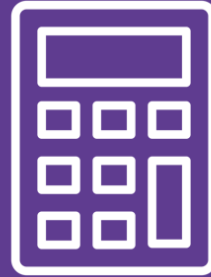
Adapting ventilation in response to COVID.



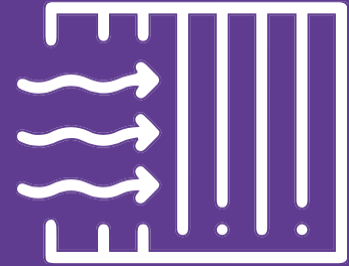
**Scientific understanding of COVID is evolving.
We are not medical doctors or epidemiologists.**



**Maximize
Ventilation**



**Minimize
Recirculation**



**Optimize
Filtration**

Ventilation and COVID-19

Existing Buildings:

- In-person audit of existing systems
- Validate system operation & control sequences
- Tailor solutions to fit systems and usage

New Buildings:

- Natural ventilation & Outdoor spaces
- Re-consider system types and zoning
- CFD for spaces in new buildings



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Residential Ventilation in California

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CALIFORNIA CODE for RESIDENTIAL VENTILATION

2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards:

4.6 Indoor Air Quality and Mechanical Ventilation

The 2019 Energy Standards include requirements for **mandatory mechanical ventilation** intended to improve indoor air quality (IAQ) in homes... and ventilation systems that **provide outside air** to the occupiable space of a dwelling.

As specified by [§150.0\(o\)](#), single-family detached dwelling units, and multifamily attached dwelling units **must meet the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2016**

ASHRAE 62.2 – 2016

(American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers)



1) $CFM = (0.03 \times \text{Floor Area}) + (7.5 \times (\text{Number of Bedrooms} + 1))$

example: $(0.03 \times 3,000\text{sq.ft.}) + (7.5 \times (3\text{-bedrooms} + 1)) = 120 \text{ CFM}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 90 \\ 90 \\ + \quad 30 \end{array}$$

~~2) Single Family Infiltration Credit, not available for multi-family:~~

~~———— Infiltration = Conditioned Volume x 2-ACH50/60~~

There's no need to fear, your CF1R is here!



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Project Name: EPB Residence Revised

Calculation Description: Title 24 Analysis

Calculation Date/Time: 2020-08-12T15:55:46-07:00

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IAQ (INDOOR AIR QUALITY) FANS

01	02	03	04	05	06
Dwelling Unit	IAQ CFM	IAQ Watts/CFM	IAQ Fan Type	IAQ Recovery Effectiveness (%)	IAQ Recovery Effectiveness - SRE IAQ Recovery Effectiveness - SRE
SFam IAQVentRpt 1-1	100	0.25	Balanced HRV	51	n/a

PROJECT NOTES

Energy Pro uses Ashrae for HVAC design.

Revised roof areas with the R-22 min and pos 4.



ASHRAE options for Continuous Mechanical Ventilation

- Exhaust-Only, ~~or Supply-Only~~:
 - 2-Speed Bath Fans for Exhaust-Only Ventilation
 - Requires Infiltration through building envelope, or alternatively supply air from “passive inlets”
- Balanced Ventilation
 - Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRV) or Energy Recover Ventilators (ERV)
 - Allows for elimination of bath fans & laundry fan

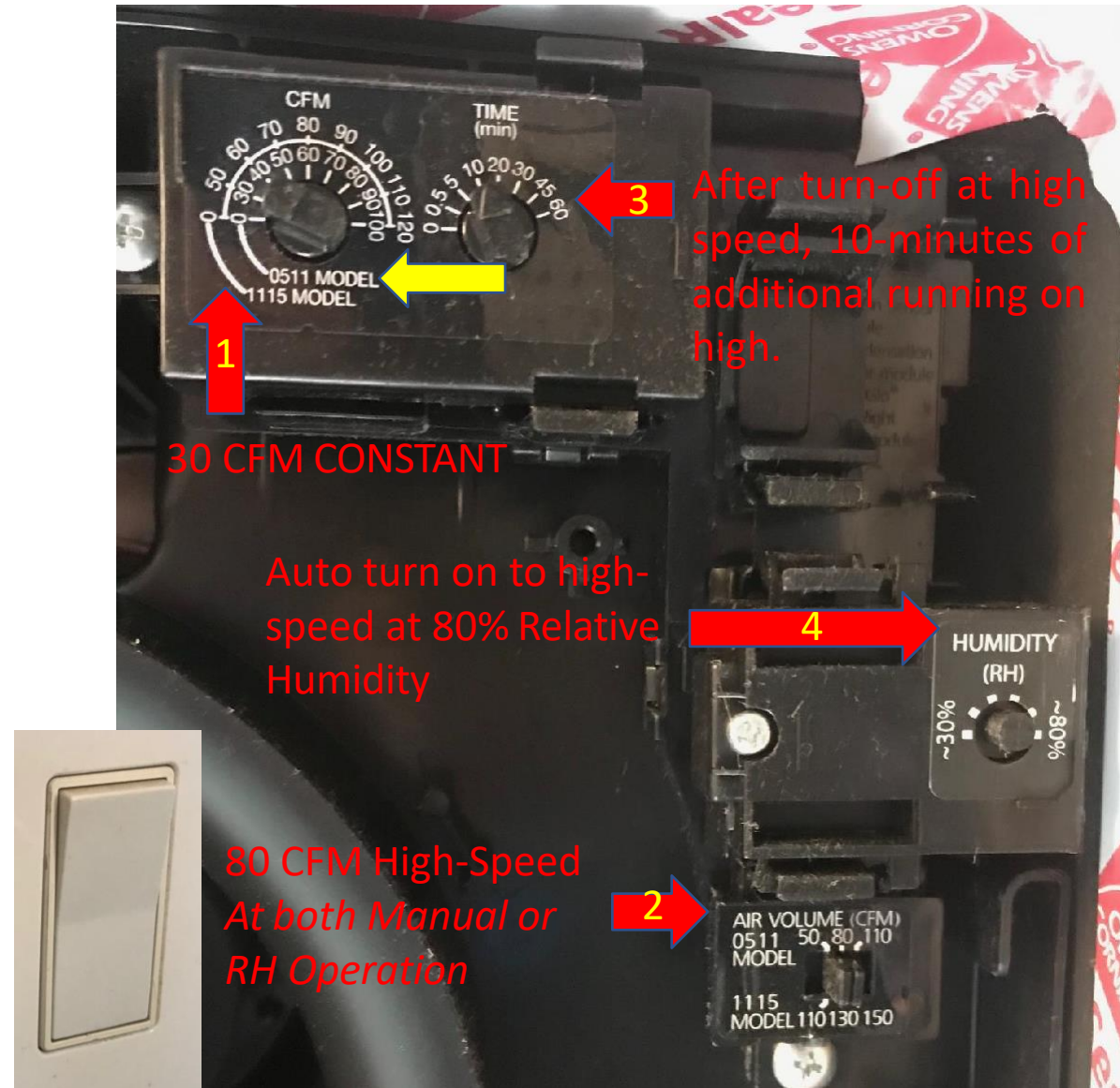
EXHAUST-ONLY VENTILATION

with 2-Speed Bath Fans



EXHAUST-ONLY VENTILATION

with 2-Speed Bath Fans



After turn-off at high speed, 10-minutes of additional running on high.

30 CFM CONSTANT

Auto turn on to high-speed at 80% Relative Humidity

80 CFM High-Speed At both Manual or RH Operation

EXHAUST-ONLY VENTILATION

with 2-Speed Bath Fans

PROS:

- Inexpensive strategy to meet code
- Generally works OK, it's better than nothing!

CONS:

- Noisy (motors ramp up speed to achieve required airflow)
- Fan grilles require constant cleaning
- Sucking "fresh air" through the building envelope (uncontrolled infiltration)
- Doesn't provide IAQ anywhere near as well as balanced ventilation does.

EXHAUST-ONLY VENTILATION *with 2-Speed Bath Fans*

Addressing uncontrolled infiltration: "Passive Inlets" to provide control for supply-air locations.



CONS:

- *Max 18 CFM airflow and thus requires several locations.*
- *Where to locate to dump unconditioned air?*
- *Minimal filtration, but filters still require frequent cleaning in order to provide adequate airflow.*

EXHAUST-ONLY VENTILATION *with 2-Speed Bath Fans*





That was then, this is now...

- California is trying to move us away from lousy exhaust-only ventilation and towards balanced ventilation (using HRV's and ERV's), as well as encouraging us to build tighter building envelopes.
- As of January 1, 2020 the T24 Energy Modeling is providing a significant credits for 1) incorporating HRV's and ERV's into projects, and 2) making buildings more airtight.
- **AND** the Energy Modeling provides a much bigger credit by incorporating **BOTH** HRV/ERV's + making buildings more airtight (providing a "superbump" in credits.)

Building Science 101: "Build Tight, Ventilate Right"

HRV's and ERV's: OPTIMUM VENTILATION STRATEGY FOR IAQ

Balanced ventilation that exhausts "stale" air and provides fresh, filtered supply air directly from outdoors.



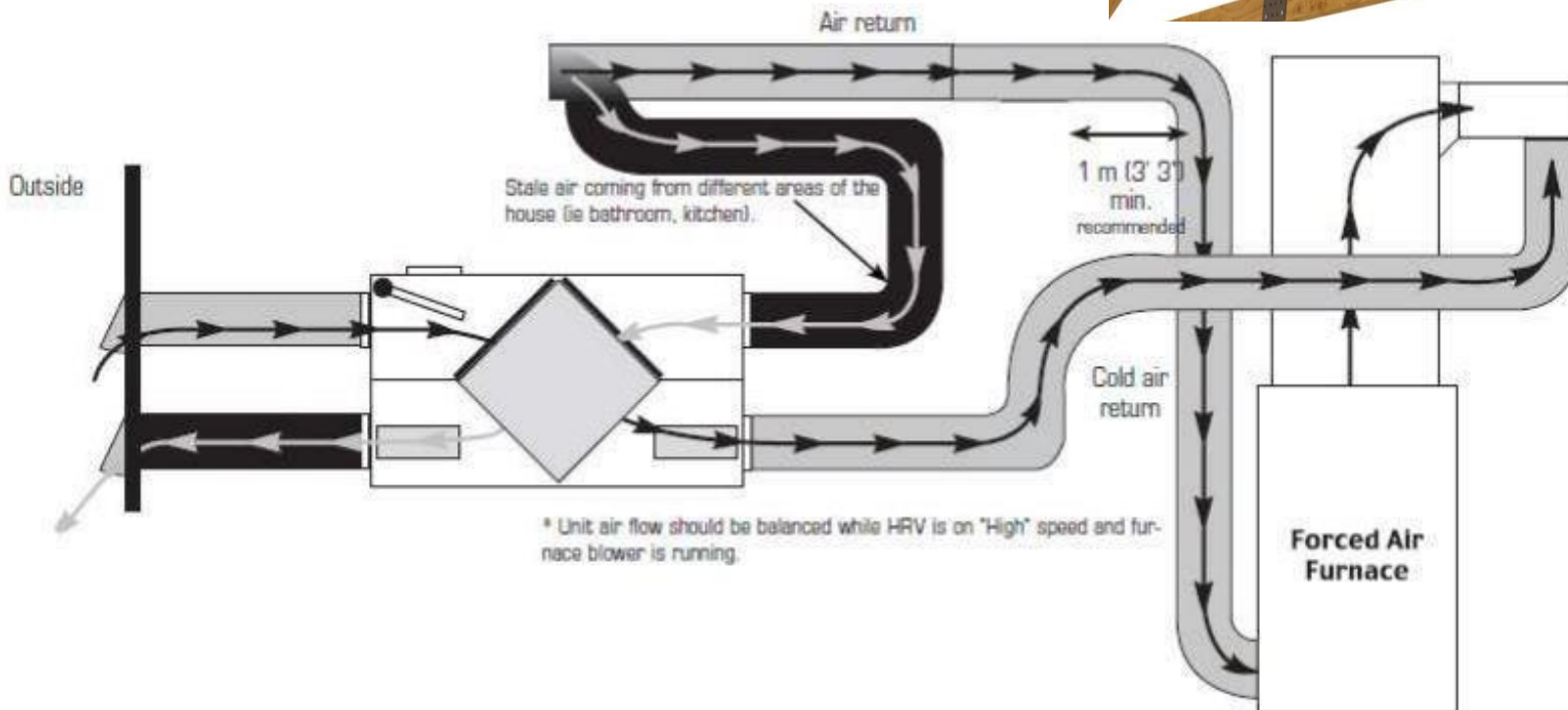


HRV'S and ERV'S

Heat Recover Ventilator (Sensible Heat Exchange Only) or Energy Recovery Ventilator (both Sensible and Latent Heat Exchange.)

Can be either a Dedicated Stand-Alone HRV/ERV System, or it can be incorporated into the forced-air system.

HRV incorporated into forced-air system



HRV incorporated into forced-air system

PROS:

- Relatively inexpensive and quick to install

CONS:

- Uses the return(s) for exhaust, and therefore as *controlled* as a dedicated, stand-alone system which exhausts only from “wet” areas and supplies only to “living” areas.
- Not as *balanced* as a dedicated, stand-alone system which has adjustable ports to provide airflow suitable to spaces.

Dedicated, Stand-Alone ERV



Dedicated, Stand-Alone ERV



Dedicated, Stand-Alone HRV

Low-Cost "Paired HRV" systems

15-20 CFM Per Pair



2,852 sq.ft SFR requiring
59 cfm, with 3 x Pairs
providing 60 cfm

1,200 sq.ft ADU
requiring 34.5 cfm,
with 2 x Pairs
providing 40 cfm





Dedicated, Stand-Alone ERV

PROS:

- Provides the bees knees for optimum indoor air quality, exhausting air we want to exhaust and bringing fresh, filtered air to where we need it most.
- Provides excellent distribution of fresh air throughout a structure.

CONS:

- Can be expensive... but then again what is the value of healthy air?
- Whole-House Systems are complex to install, hard to find installers who know how to do it properly.
- Requires adequate spaces for equipment to be housed.
- Low-Cost "Paired HRV" Systems still require bath and laundry fans, which would in turn require an integrated make-up air system (adding more \$\$\$)

Grateful Clients

You don't know what you've got til it's gone





Thank you!
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Indoor Air Quality, Strategies for **Residential** and Non **Residential** Buildings

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What are you breathing?

*Lawrence Berkley Labs (LBL) MERV 8-13

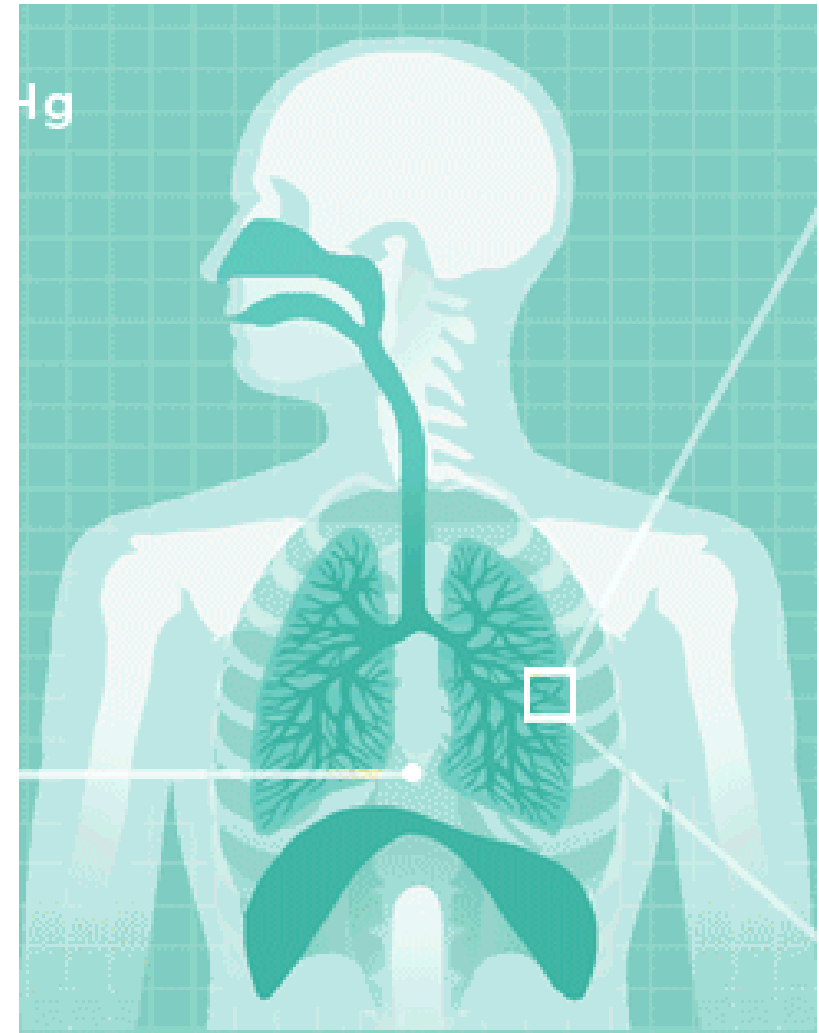


Air Leakage / Infiltration = **Exposure pathway**

What are you breathing?



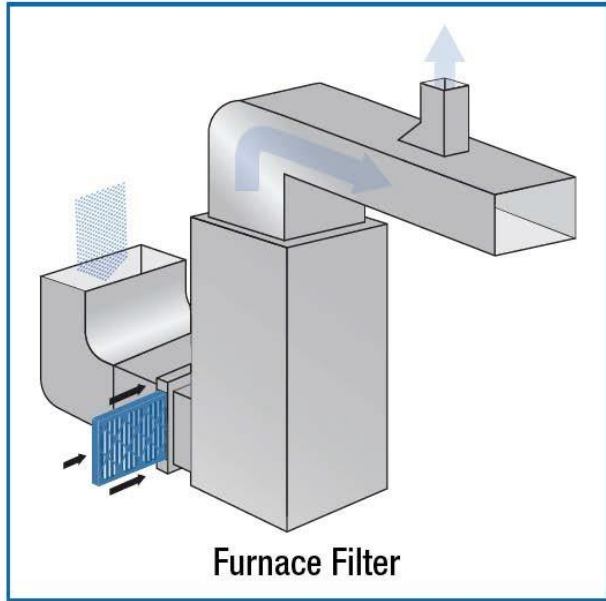
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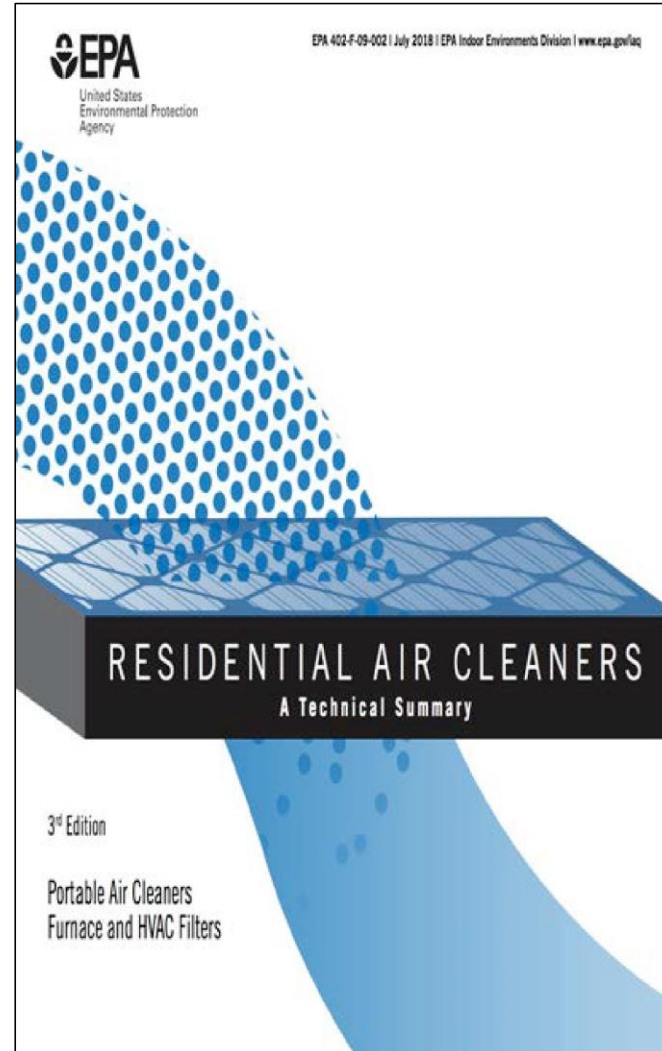
3000 gallons of air every day.

FURNACE AND HVAC SYSTEM FILTERS

Furnace and HVAC filters work to filter the air only when the system is operating. In most cases, HVAC systems run only when heating or cooling is needed (usually less than 25% of the time during heating and cooling seasons). In order to get more filtration, the system would have to run for longer periods. This may not be desirable or practical in many cases since longer run times increase electricity costs and may also result in less reliable humidity control during the cooling season.



Furnace or HVAC filter—Select a filter rated at least MERV 13 or as high as your system will accommodate.



Air Handler Upgrade



16x25x1 MERV 12



20x25x4 MERV 13

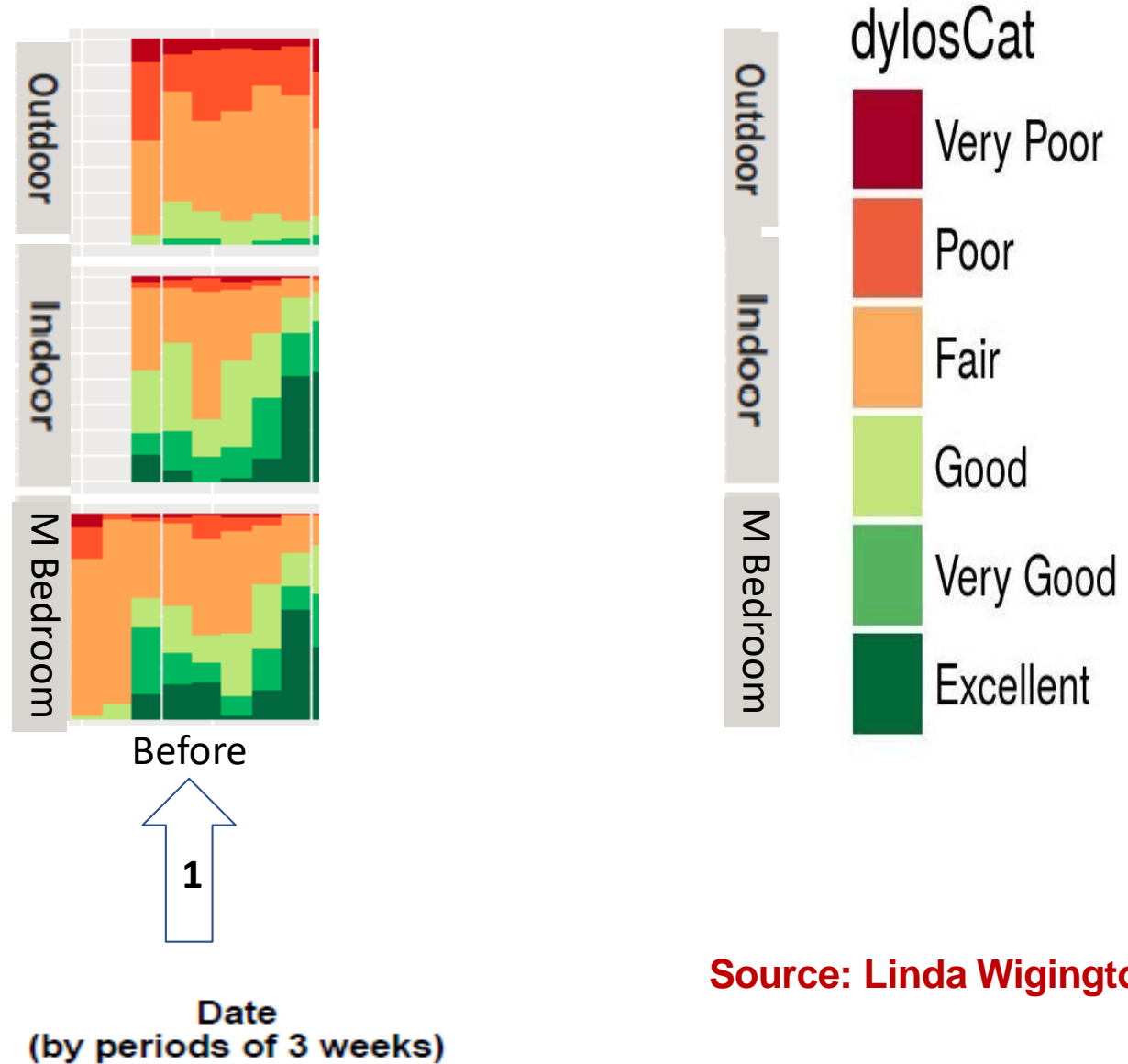
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24/7 Air Handler w High MERV Filter

CTC

1) Using existing 1" pleated filter



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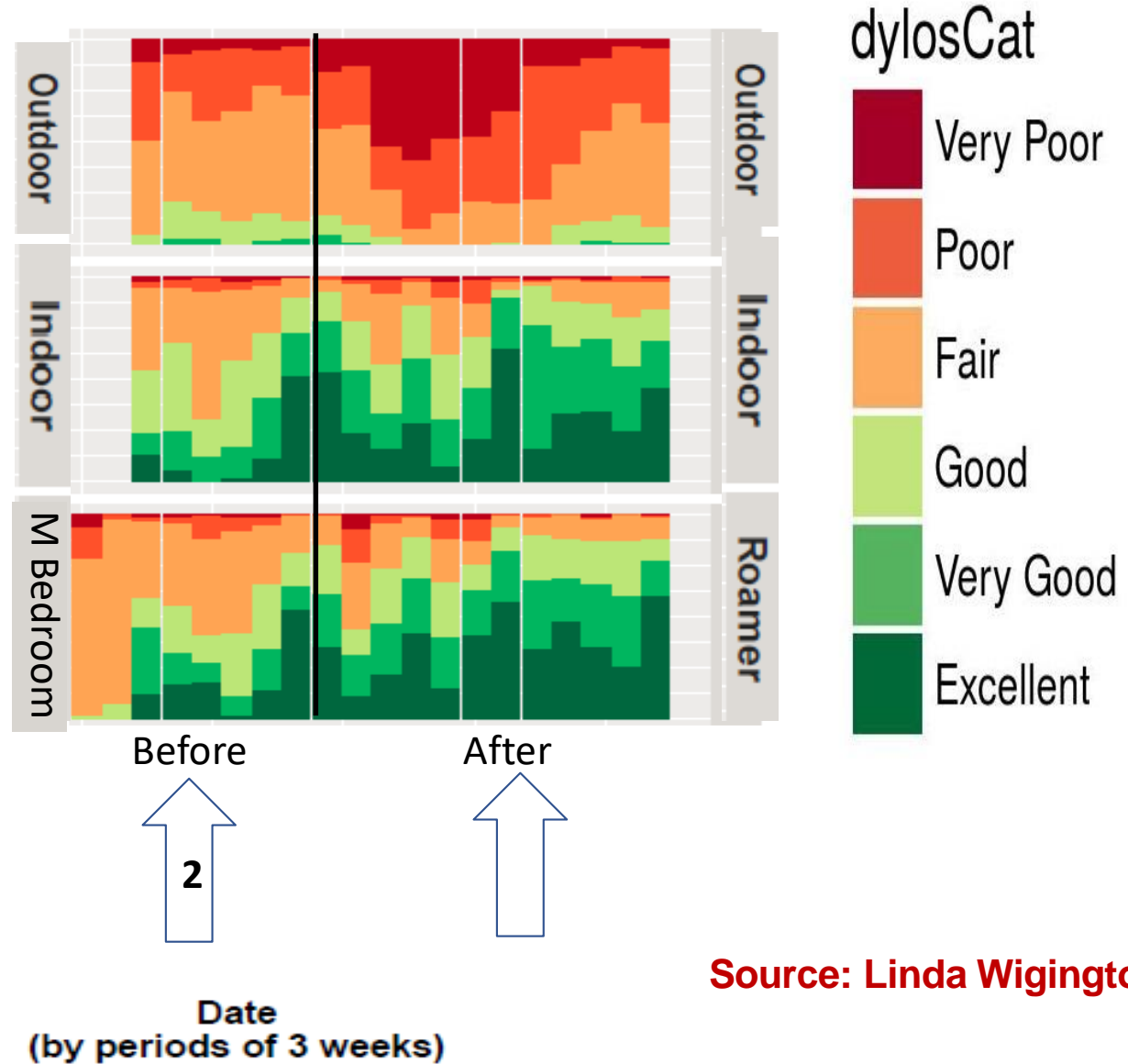
CTC

1) Using existing 1" pleated filter

2) Return drop modification
w/ turning vanes

4", 20"x 25" MERV 13 filter

Dylos particles $\geq 0.5 \mu\text{m}$



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House Type



Occupant Behaviors



Occupant
Health Symptoms

Determine if your home is impacting your health!

Hayward Score calculates a proprietary “Score” based on the occupants answers

Higher Score = Healthier Home = Less symptoms

Healthier ↑

Hayward Score	# of Symptoms
92	3.9
79	4.7
58	6.2
28	8.2

Post Hayward Score Follow up Responses

	Made Changes	No Changes	Moved	n
Owner	199	125	2	326
Renter	102	70	28	200
	301	195	30	526

57% Made Changes

61% Owners Made Changes

51% Renters Made Changes



6% Moved

1% Owner Moved

14% Renters Moved

Roughly half of the respondents took action and made changes. Owners were a little more likely to make changes.

What did they do?

57% of Follow up respondents indicated they made a change.

Replaced Furnace Filters	45%
Did Testing	29%
Added Air Purifiers	24%
Fixed Leaks	23%
Removed Mold	21%
Replaced Vacuum	21%
Added HRV	17%
Removed Carpets	16%
Reduced Chemical Exposure	15%
Cleaned Ducts	14%
Added Humidifiers	12%
Added Dehumidifier	11%
Installed Exhaust Fans	9%
Completed Maintenance	8%
Sealed Crawlspace	5%

Post Hayward Score Follow up Responses

Respiratory Symptoms Improved

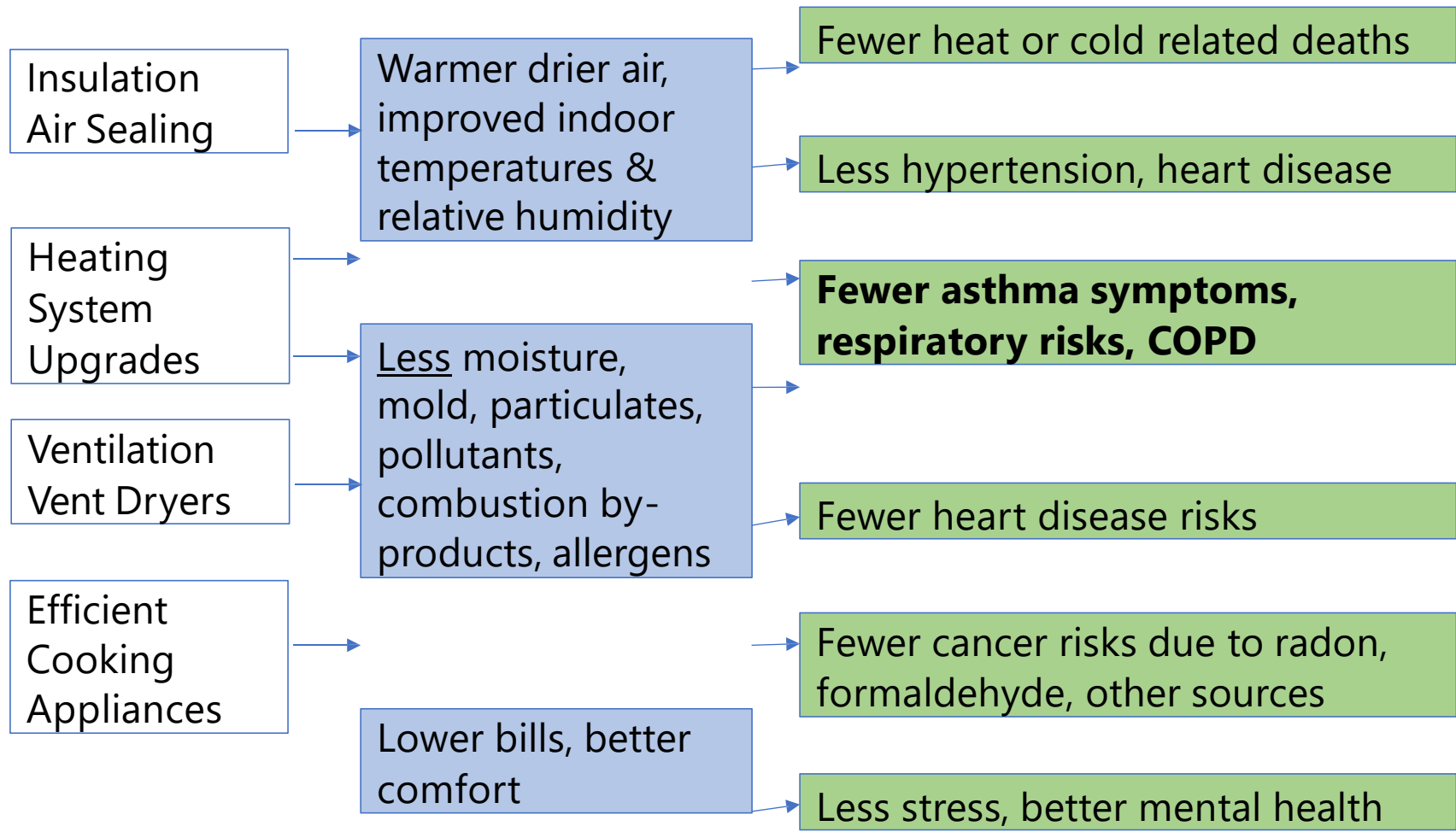
Sinus Congestion	67%
Coughing	50%
Allergies	48%
Trouble Sleeping	38%
Other	16%

Self-reported Improved Symptoms

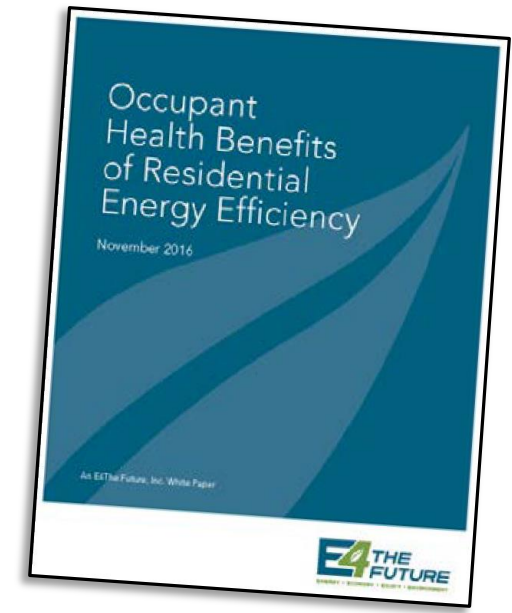
Non-Respiratory Symptoms Improved

Feeling Sick	50%
Sore Throat	33%
Freq Headaches	26%
Infrequent Headaches	26%
Depressed	24%
Nausea	22%
Dry Eyes	22%
Extreme Fatigue	22%
Night Sweats	20%

How energy efficiency can reduce health risks



Reduced hospital and medical visits



<https://e4thefuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Occupant-Health-Benefits-Residential-EE.pdf>



Air Sealing, Thermal upgrades and Heating Tune-Up

Conditions Reduced with education and upgrades

gases and particulates

occupants use less medications

dampness

mold

risk of cancer

arthritis

depression

energy bills

pollutants

days off work / school

cardiovascular issues

dust mites - known to cause asthma

asthma triggers and contaminants that cause symptoms

use of chemicals



Improvements

savings / more income

general health

mental health

lower respiratory symptoms

blood pressure/hypertension or other

upper respiratory symptoms and headaches.

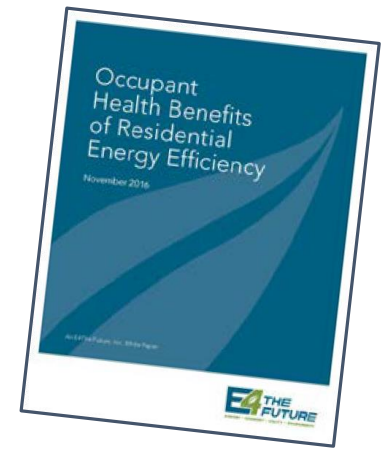
cooler climates improve comfort with less humidity

human health by reducing thermal stress

daily exposure to cleaner air

less stress and worry about "unknown" indoor air

most studies recommended IAQ Testing



Better quality of life

Remember for these health impacts it's about long-term health impact and long-term costs in health care \$\$ and quality of life.

Energy Audit

- Determine infiltration / air leakage
- Used to calculate T24
- Find air leakage location
- Measure ZPD
- Air leakage = heat transfer



Blower Door Test



Healthy Home Assessment

- **Exposure pathway measurement device**
- Measure connectivity between locations with contaminants like garage, attic and crawlspace
- Tighter homes can reduce or contain moisture
- Tight homes require enhanced ventilation



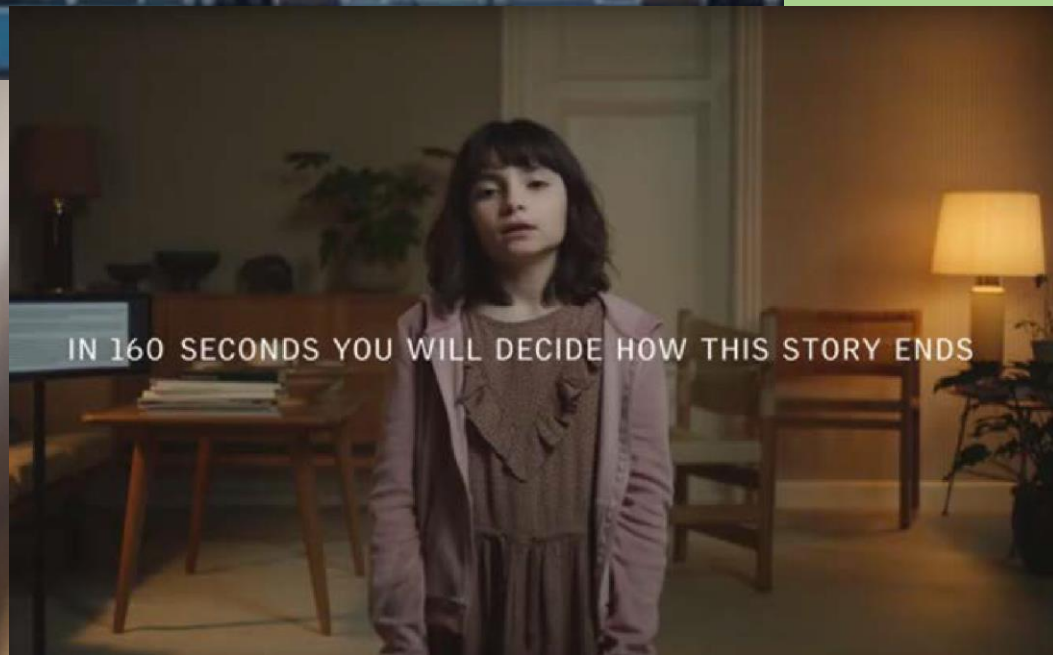
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