



## HVAC Contractors

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges and opportunities for HVAC contractors. While the roll-out of the vaccine provides hope that we will be able to move toward more normal times at some point in 2021, that is many months into the future and the near term will look much like the second half of 2020. The challenge of decreased productivity will continue. On the other hand, building owners may have more interest in indoor air quality and that could present work opportunities.

Below are two resources recently published by SMACNA that should be of interest to HVAC contractors.

## Project-Specific Loss of Productivity Analysis Methodologies

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant and sustained impacts on the construction industry as a whole, including the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) trades. SMACNA, along with the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) and National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), has aligned the MEP trades in a collaborative effort to bring to you, and the construction industry, the attached white paper, **“Project-Specific Loss of Productivity Analysis Methodologies.”**

The white paper discusses accepted methodologies for quantifying loss of productivity impacts, irrespective of causality, and stands as a companion piece to previous productivity reports issued by **New Horizons Foundation** and ELECTRI International. Loss of productivity impacts can be felt by all trades on a project when a project schedule is delayed and/or accelerated; when various trades are improperly stacked upon one another; when the continuity and flow of the work activities is disrupted, and when a substantial amount of change is introduced into a construction project.



# SMACNA Technical Resources Bulletin: HVAC COVID-19 Guidance

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Restoring occupancy of existing buildings that were shut down due to the COVID-19 virus or other reasons must be performed with strict safety procedures to mitigate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases, such as COVID-19.

The following are SMACNA's recommended Guidelines to open existing buildings with more specific emphasis on the building's HVAC System. Guidelines from the CDC to wear a face covering, to remain at least 6 feet apart from other people, and to wash hands regularly (for at least 20 seconds) throughout the day are also very important.

SMACNA's Guidelines specifically address the following:

- Ventilation Rates
- Filtration
- HVAC Equipment
- Owners
- Project Management
- Other Considerations
- Testing, Adjusting and Balancing
- Indoor Air Quality

Read the full [SMACNA HVAC COVID-19 Guidance Technical Resources Bulletin](#).