

Indoor air quality consultations for community spaces and congregate settings

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Do you work at a community space or congregate setting (like a shelter or a group home)? Would you like advice about reducing transmission of COVID-19 through indoor air quality measures like ventilation and filtration? Here's your chance! You can ask questions about HVAC systems, portable air filters, UV disinfection, and more! You can ask questions about particular rooms or your whole building. These sessions are open to anyone working in community spaces including facility managers; people responsible for infection prevention and control; and workers who have questions about how indoor air quality measures can help make workplaces safer for everyone.

What: A free, 25 minute, online consultation with indoor air quality experts from the University of Toronto and the University of Waterloo.

When: Tuesday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 18
Tuesday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 22
Tuesday, December 13

What time: Each week, we have two, 25 minute, online appointments available. The first one starts at 11:00 am, and the second one starts at 11:30 am.

How to register: To schedule an online appointment email: Pearl.Buhariwala@unityhealth.to. Include your preferred appointment day and time, type of facility you work at, and any specific questions you have so we can prepare for your appointment.

How to prepare: Please explore [this backgrounder](#). Please also bring as much information as possible. For example, if you have questions about your HVAC system, find out as much about it as you can before the appointment.

About our experts:

Jeff Siegel is a Professor in the Department of Civil & Mineral Engineering at University of Toronto. His research interests include healthy and sustainable buildings, ventilation and indoor air quality.

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Why we're doing this: Indoor air quality measures can help reduce transmission of COVID-19. They should be part of every facility's plan for infection prevention and control. For more about improving indoor air quality, please see [here](#).

Please note: these consultations are offered for informational purposes only, and do not replace or remove the need for on-site advice from licensed professionals. We are not responsible for the way you or your organization apply the information shared during this session. Please also note that we are not engineers or medical professionals.