

E3

Excellence in Pandemic Response and Enterprise Solutions

Creating health safety spaces with cleaner air

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Infections are transmitted by air

Are we ready for next pandemics?

We are facing paradigma shift





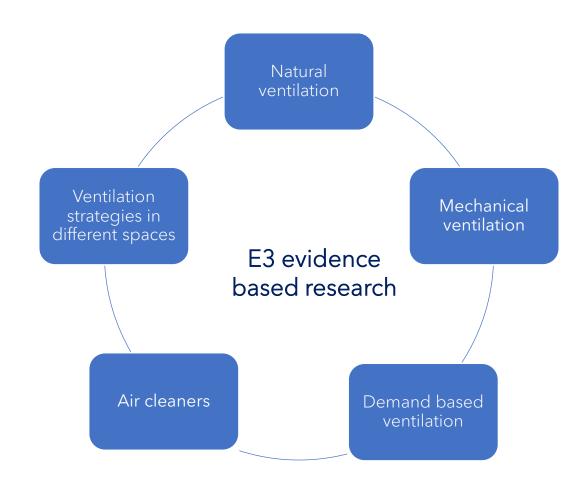
Has the construction sector learned anything about corona pandemics?

No, not yet



We have evidence that clean air production reduces infection risk

But how much?





Case Matei Bals infection hospital

Natural ventilated hospital with window openings

How much air cleaners influence on indoor air quality (IAQ) and infection risk?

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Project Management ICT MEP survey



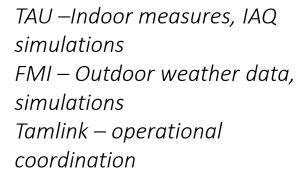
Smartswatcher IAQ sensors



Air0 Air cleaners



ISEC
Air cleaners
Microbiological sampling

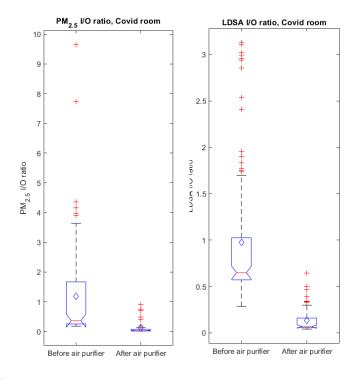






Results in Covid room

1. Particles were reduced dramatically



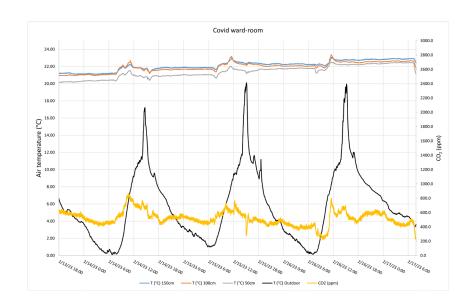
2. The simulated and calculated infection risk was reduced dramatically

65%*

* Wells-Riley

$$p = 1 - e^{-\frac{(1-\eta_i)IqQ_b(1-\eta_s)D}{Q+(\lambda_{dep}+k+k_f)V}}$$

3. No change in other IAQ measures





Conclusions so far...

- Clean air production has big impact on infection risk
- Ventilation system is the MUST to ensure indoor air quality
- In crowded spaces the air cleaners need to be installed in case the spaces are poorly ventilated
- We need more evidence based research in clean air production to be able to make conclusions - do we need to change design principles?





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The E3 project will create a new global business by studying the spread of communicable diseases.

With the help of the concepts developed in the project, it is possible to keep society and the economy safely open even during future pandemics.

Needless to say, there is a great need for the show

- Ecosystem manager Outi Tuovila, Business Finland

