Virtual Construction Management in the Age of COVID

By Pamela O’Reilly, LEED AP, NCIDQ, FMP, Procon Consulting

In our current COVID-19 world, organizations are turning to technology to perform tasks that have historically been done face-to-face; the most obvious of these are the Zoom and Webex meetings that now populate our calendars, but other technologies are being enlisted to accomplish work in a safer manner. One of these technologies allows virtual walkthroughs of construction sites, creating digital documentation of existing site conditions that can be tracked throughout the progress of the project. Manufacturers such as StructionSite, HoloBuilder, and Avatour all offer the ability to inexpensively, accurately, and quickly document existing conditions, and although this technology had started to gain a foothold prior to COVID, current conditions have accelerated the use of these products.

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Coronavirus Information and Resources

By Carrington Story, JLL

The SARS-CoV-2 virus spread throughout the world quickly. So quickly in fact, there was little to no time for any coordinated response from all aspects of modern society, from industry leaders to the federal governments of countries across the world. As time has gone by and countries have begun to lessen restrictions on businesses and employers, there has been an incredible increase in the demand for the disinfection and sanitization products and services offered by companies. While these have helped to stem many fears, there have been numerous questions and concerns about returning to work policies and procedures in every part of the facilities profession. Some companies have established definitive protocols for attempting to slow any spread of the Coronavirus, while others have chosen to follow the lead of the state and national government procedures that have been developed during this unprecedented time of international health crisis.

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In my first President’s Letter published last month, I introduced myself, shared a bit about my IFMA journey and your new board’s vision for the year ahead. Since that time, I have joined many of you for another invaluable FM Roundtable discussion and the Chapter’s Annual Meeting and Happy Hour. If you missed either of those events, you missed fantastic opportunities to learn, connect, and just blow off some steam.

The past five months have been scary and difficult for many of us. We don’t have a roadmap for what we’re experiencing, but the guidance for coping always looks the same: take care of your body, take care of your mind, and take care of each other. Of course, those seemingly “simple” things are easier said than done, especially now. The lines between work and home are completely blurred, the demands of each heavier than ever, further weighted down by a degree of uncertainty we have never known.

While there are many better resources to help you figure out how you and your children will survive distance learning or creative home workouts while you are still not comfortable setting foot in the gym, the Capital Chapter of IFMA is your best bet for guidance, support, and camaraderie as you navigate your organization’s return to office, or, in the case that you’re already back or never really left in the first place, strengthen and sustain workplace health and safety. If you participated in any of our events in the last several months and did not come away with that feeling, I would like to hear from you. What worked? What didn’t? I would also challenge you to think about your level of engagement. What do you want from your membership? Are you doing all that you can to get it? As Albert Einstein said, “Everything is Energy and that is all there is to it. Match the frequency of the reality you want and you cannot help but get that reality. It can be no other way. This is not philosophy. This is physics.” It does take time, it does take commitment, but the returns are exponential whether your goals are to learn and to grow, to network, to give back or all the above.

If you have not been attending our programming, start there. Plan to participate in an upcoming FM Roundtable to talk with your peers about today’s biggest FM challenges. Or join us at one of the virtual networking happy hour events. And be on the lookout for new events coming soon from our Professional Development Team. Next, check out the “Get Involved” tab on our website and choose to join a committee to share your talents, to strengthen your skills, and to build relationships. And then stick with it. This community can’t eliminate the burdens of a pandemic, but I promise you, it will lighten the load.

Be well.

Kelly Johnson, CFM
President, Capital Chapter of IFMA 2020-2021
In today’s ‘work from home’ world, we want to be constantly available as if we are still in the office. Zoom Fatigue is the feeling of tiredness, anxiety, or worry around yet another video call, explains USA Today. The reality is, when we were in an office, we were not constantly available. We blocked out time to work on spreadsheets, or to go on walks. Colleagues walking by saw you were busy and decided not to disturb you. We were in a conference room, and then a cubicle; our sights and surroundings changed. The old office adage, “This could have been an email,” still holds true even when working from home. Communication can come in many different channels: formal or informal, personal or professional, and some are synchronous while others are asynchronous. It is important to look at your entire tool bag of communications channels to find the right tool for the job.

If you are like me, you want to continue to build relationships with your team even though you are apart. This is where video conferencing can be a great tool to keep engagement. I like to ask myself if this would be something I would prefer to do in a conference room. If I need to broach a tough conversation in a one-on-one, the non-verbal cues of facetime sessions are irreplaceable. If I just want to catch up, I would not ask a person into a room to talk. For groups, I schedule stand up meetings with my team a few days a week just to check in. This is informal time, with no specific agenda. The goal is to focus on our relationships with each other and give each other a platform to share. This is another time for us to have cameras ON! Seeing each other helps build relationships. If there is information to share, or we just want to talk about the weekend, we have this time. Watercooler time is so important to sustain relationships, so curating a time and space for it is important. We schedule 30 minutes, but are often done in less time. I sign off the meeting with, “I am available if you need me. If not, I’ll see you tomorrow.” We then switch to other channels of communications and go about our days.

Tools such as Slack, Teams, and GChat allow us to create asynchronous communication channels for projects or to disseminate information across teams. If we pick up a new project, stakeholders in that project are added to a channel dedicated to it, and the team can communicate in their own time (within reason). My counterparts in other offices and I keep a channel open to bring problems to each other. It may be your first time facing something one of them has experience in. These tools are a great way to share knowledge and ask for help. When you need to walk away from the computer, the world does not end. Your smartphone can keep up with these tools just fine.

Phone calls still hold weight too. If you want to make sure information is being translated clearly, sometimes a phone call where immediate feedback is available can reign supreme. It allows for conversation without the worry that a person is not presentable, or the kitchen is not clean enough. I like to pace the floor as I think through things. Phone calls help prevent me from being judged for it. Just like when we were at the office, sometimes a post office run is needed. A phone conversation is a much easier tool to take on the go than a video call.

Email and video meetings are different tools for different jobs. An update or notice is much better suited to an email than having the entire team gather on camera. Just like in the office, ask yourself, “Does this need to be a meeting or could it be an email?” Unlike office meetings, video calls actually glue us more to the same devices we are working on all day. They also open a window into our homes often shackling us to certain areas of our houses with the best backdrop. Just because we have the technology does not mean it is the right one for the job. So take a moment and look through your toolkit. Find the right tool for the job.

References: USA Today, What’s ‘Zoom Fatigue’? Here’s why video calls can be so exhausting, Article by Ryan W. Miller, April 29, 2020.
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The premise is that one person wearing a 360-degree camera, visits the site at certain intervals and documents existing conditions during the construction process. These images can be shared with all stakeholders on a secure platform so everyone can see project progress; images can be viewed via computer, tablet or phone. The benefits of these technologies during COVID are obvious—fewer people involved in site walks. If someone needs to see the inside of a telecom closet there’s a visual of that space at every construction milestone. The information capture process is also much faster using these technologies; one person with a 360 camera can survey 300,000 square feet in about three hours. The walks can also be done by more junior staff, eliminating the need for more senior architects and engineers to be on site. Short-term, this creates a significant savings in labor costs. The long-term benefits, however, are also important to note.

Long-term, these technologies will ultimately drive down costs, and will change the face of the construction industry with impacts that will reach into FM. Being able to have precise documentation of existing conditions means a significant decrease in waste that is currently driven by mistakes and inaccurate information. Walls will be documented before close-in, and each room will have a 360-degree photo of the space; these images can be used for all future projects and will eliminate the need to cut open walls to survey existing conditions. It eliminates the need for potentially costly site surveys and additional work due to mistakes. Ultimately, this technology will drive the waste out of the cost per square foot. In addition to the cost savings noted above, legal claims that currently tie up owners’ budgets will be greatly reduced because there will be an indisputable, 360-degree record of conditions.

Currently in our facilities, we have a varying degree of confidence in the accuracy of our records. The goal with implementation of these technologies is to create a future where the condition of our buildings is right at our fingertips, and we can trust that information is correct. It’s something that Steve DeVito, Director of BIM Development for Procon Consulting calls “Google Maps for buildings.” For example, if anyone in the world needs to know the current conditions of the earth, they use Google Maps. You can search for a restaurant, get directions to the location, read reviews, and even order food. There are teams of people responsible for ensuring that information is always current. This is the vision for the future of our facilities—the creation of a system where we can find anything building-related and know the information is correct.

There will be additional challenges to ensuring these processes become standard operating procedure; security is always a question, but the benefits are significant.

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particularly with the Federal Government, so there will continue to be requirements in that arena that need to be met. Contracts need to be written to ensure that virtual documentation becomes a standard operating procedure on every project. The good news is that the technology keeps improving, becoming easier to use and less expensive. As phones become more advanced, there may not be a need for any other equipment; you will soon be able to laser scan a space with your phone.

As this virtual 360-degree documentation becomes a requirement for each project, we will gain a better understanding of our facilities; right now, building owners don’t always even understand what they own or where it is. There will not be the need to spend as much time on a facility condition assessment, and the quality of the information we have on our buildings will be better, allowing the FM to solve problems faster and more efficiently. When there is a leak, for example, the FM will be able to find the shut-off valve faster; when an incumbent contractor leaves and a new contractor takes their place, the information is easily accessible.

The future of Construction Management and FM is based in these technologies and in things like Augmented Reality and Robotics. Right now, organizations are starting to look at how to use robotics to capture site conditions instead of using a person. The future of office space is somewhat in question at the moment due to the impacts of COVID (Will we go back? How will we go back? What will that look like?), but these technologies, which are being pushed to the forefront because of the pandemic, will continue to provide cost savings and efficiencies far beyond quarantine.
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CCIFMA Events Enable Networking, Professional Development, Partnership and Levity at a Time When it is Needed Most

By Steven Early, CFM, FMP, Fitwel Ambassador

You've done it! You are here! You made it another couple of months, and while likely not completely unscathed – you are helping to drive positive change in facilities in our area, and around the globe either directly or through the impact of virtual interactions you are having throughout the course of your days. You have brought yourselves, your teams, your families through to today, and you have received the benefit of others perspective, insight, experience, empathy.

CCIFMA has been there right along with you, providing much-needed connection to your network, diligently working on strategies to take your membership to the next level as we welcome a new Executive Committee and Board. CCIFMA continues working harder than ever to keep you connected, bring you unique value-added professional development opportunities as well as roundtable events that foster connection, collaboration, collective FM experience sharing that helps move facilities, workplaces, and our world forward amidst a sea of uncertainty.

In case you missed out, here are a few highlights from CCIFMA offerings in recent weeks:

Greg Brenner and Ray Doyle with WB Engineers + Consultants hosted a timely discussion on Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) solutions during and beyond COVID-19. Brenner and Doyle shared their combined expertise with attendees, highlighting both short-term solutions to improve IAQ as well as longer-term considerations for system modifications for strategic capital planning.

The Capital Chapter of IFMA continues the popular FM and Associate Roundtable events that bring us together for large and small group discussions. The roundtables provide opportunities to discuss what is going on in our lives both personal and professional, they give FMs the chance to talk with each other and Associate members about solutions to the problems we need to solve every day. These events offer the opportunity to bring new solutions to our stakeholders by working within our network, all while having a relaxed and engaging discussion with familiar faces as well as the chance to meet and welcome new people into the fold.

FMs have been on the edge of a significant shift in how and where we work for some time, and that has been accelerated in many ways by the current pandemic situation. FMs have been on the edge of a great shift in paradigm with broadening focus to include management of experience as much as operational efficiency. As the way in which we work transforms, so too must the built environments we provide for our stakeholder organizations. It is essential to continually make that intersection of person and place one that is compelling enough to reinforce brand, message, and collaboration while providing a sense of delight and an experience compelling enough that people prefer the environments we provide as opposed to anywhere else they might go in this new work from anywhere economy.

Dr. JP Pawliw-Fry and Bill Benjamin facilitated a discussion focused on being “the calm person in the boat,” an important lesson we can all use in every aspect of our lives – not just in our work. Pawliw-Fry and Benjamin brought us unique insight into the Emotional Intelligence tools FMs need in their respective toolboxes in order to effectively navigate the rough water of fear and uncertainty pervasive in our environment. Like many of the things each of us learns in our daily FM experience, the things we learn in one area can often be taken back to serve us even better more broadly in other areas of our lives.

Did you miss out on these great offerings? Don’t worry about it, but now is the time to right the ship and adjust that trend. Take a look at our upcoming events and keep an eye on www.ifmacap.org for future events. Get registered when you see something that piques your interest. Each of us has a unique story and perspective to bring to the table, so every event you miss is also an event less rich because it didn’t include your voice and experience. If you were too busy and missed out, the great news is that we are going to keep up the momentum of bringing you the value-added offerings and events that CCIFMA members keep coming back for. Don’t deprive us of your presence and perspective, join us for upcoming events that being a Capital Chapter of IFMA member or Associate member are made for.

2020 Joint Chapter Virtual SFP Series

By becoming a certified SFP® (Sustainable Facility Professional), you will learn how to add value to any facility and organization in a sustainable way. Back by popular demand, a few select chapters collaborated to create a virtual classroom via an online webcast of the SFP program. The complete series will be presented in 14 half-day sessions over the course of four months, starting in October. Click here for more information and to register.
Annual Meeting Recap
By Mari Davis, Hines at Amazon

Thank you to all who joined the Capital Chapter at our Annual Meeting on July 29th! The meeting was conducted in our new virtual format where we introduced this year’s new Board of Directors and celebrated our accomplishments in the last 12 months. After introductions and discussion, the event segued into online activities. Members and Partners are encouraged to get familiar with the team. Keep an eye on the Upcoming Events page for more fun and opportunities to engage with local professionals.

Why Should You Write for the CCIFMA Newsletter?
By Mari Davis, Hines at Amazon

Let’s face it. In the Time of COVID, no one wants to spend more time than they have to in a document editor (unless you’re Pam O’Reilly. Seriously, how do you do it?). So why am I going to tell you that you should take some extra time and make a contribution to our professional publication? The fun answer is “gift cards.” The CCIFMA Communications team is delighted to provide gift cards to newsletter content contributors.

Joking aside, our local network is a veritable treasure trove of experience, creativity, insight, and ideas. Unfortunately, none of us live in each other’s heads. Your potential will remain static until you employ kinetic flow into your keyboard and submit your creation. Please consider crafting a contribution to our newsletter in the form of a researched article, an FM-related illustration, or an interview. The Communications team is here to help with wordsmithing and editing, so you can be confident that your published product will shine. These kinds of contributions continue to distinguish the Capital Chapter, add to your credentials, and empower our local community of professionals. And, y’know, gift cards.

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Committee Member Spotlight

Laura Ware, Vice President of Sales, IMC Water Coolers
Membership Committee Co-Chair

Q: Please provide a description of your current role and company.
A: I am the Vice President of Sales for IMC. My focus is to promote safe sustainability through our touch-free/bottle-free water coolers, as well as quality air through our air purification products featuring NASA – Certified Space Technology. Our axiom is Healthy Water, Healthy Air, Healthy You!

Q: How did you get involved with CCIFMA?
A: For the past 20 years I have worked side by side with Facility Managers in the DMV, many of whom have belonged to the Capital Chapter. I had seen and heard how beneficial it was to be a member, build relationships, learn and be a resource to the FM community and I knew had to be a part of this organization.

Q: What is your current role within the Committee?
A: I am currently Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, along with Dawn Mueller from WRI. We are super excited for the year ahead and have a great team who are ready to help attract new members by highlighting the benefits of the group.

Q: What are your goals for this year?
A: The Membership Committee has a strong foundation that we will continue to build on this year by focusing on the following: The Young Professionals/Associates Group, the New Member Champion Program and increasing member engagement and retention through communication and events.

The goal for the Young Professionals/Associates Group is to get them involved, excited about CCIFMA and connected to each other. Understanding that these emerging leaders are our future, we really want to grow this group with the support of the Membership Committee, while also recruiting younger prospects from existing FM’s team.

Our next goal is the New Member Champion Program. This program will be to pair new members with a CCIFMA Champion who will help them learn the true benefits of our chapter while serving as a mentor - someone they can call on or attend events with.

Our last goal is to increase member engagement and retention through communication and events.

We have increased our welcome protocols, formed a sub-committee to focus on expiring members three months prior and are collaborating and brainstorming with the other committees for fun fresh ideas as we navigate through the world of virtual event planning.

Q: What is your favorite part of working with the Committee?
A: There is nothing better than when you join a group and feel welcomed, included, and have a sense of ‘home’. I am most excited about getting new

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members involved and watching them grow within our community. With the craziness of the world people are relying on each other more and more and I am excited to help connect our members (new and old) together.

Q: What advice would you give to others who are interested in getting more involved?
A: There is a bounty of great people in our Chapter. Getting involved will help you build relationships much more quickly.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?
A: I have two beautiful horses that I ride as much as I can. Horses have been a passion of mine since I was a young girl and to this day I still love them! I also enjoy camping (glamping), floating down the river and bluegrass music festivals with my husband Chuck, three daughters and two granddaughters.

For the past 18 years I have been a volunteer for Loudoun Therapeutic Riding, and for the past three years a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build. I am also a member of the Virginia Green Initiative, which helps motivate Virginians to embrace all facts of sustainability at home and work.

Get Linked into the Pulse of the Capital Chapter!

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This is your invitation to get more involved with the Capital Chapter of IFMA through our LinkedIn Group! LinkedIn is a great tool to connect with those in the FM industry; stay informed on current events and industry news; and share your knowledge. Visit www.linkedin.com to create an account, then search for the group IFMA-Capital Chapter and follow the prompt to request to join.

Note: This group is only open to Capital Chapter members. If you’re not a member, navigate to the chapter website and click the JOIN link at the top of the screen. We’ll see you online!
Get the Most from Your Membership with CFM, FMP and SFP Designations

A key benefit of IFMA membership is maintaining professional growth through the facility management professional program which offers three designations: Certified Facility Manager (CFM), Facility Management Professional (FMP) and the Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP).

The CFM credential sets the industry standard for continuing the knowledge and abilities of practicing facility managers.

You can also earn the Facility Management Professional (FMP) designation, a knowledge-based credential demonstrating a proven comprehension of the basics of facility management. The FMP designation can be completed in approximately 12 months, and FMP candidates may customize their training to build the specific knowledge they need to meet individual goals.

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Upcoming GMU Courses

Below is a list of upcoming courses for our fall live online cycle. If you are unable to take these courses our spring 2021 schedules can be found here and also our Emergency Preparedness for Facility Managers course: GMU Facility Management Schedule

FMP Operations and Maintenance (Instructor Gary Pfeifer, CFM, SFP, FMP)
All class times are 1:00PM to 2:30PM
- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020
- Thursday Sept. 3, 2020
- Tuesday Sept. 8, 2020
- Thursday Sept. 10, 2020
- Tuesday Sept. 15, 2020
Register Here

FMP Project Management (Instructor Rich Fanelli, AIA, CFM, IFMA Fellow)
- Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 - 8:30AM to 9:30AM
- Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM
- Friday, Oct. 16, 2020 - 8:30AM to 9:30AM
- Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM
- Friday, Oct. 23, 2020 - 8:30AM to 10:00AM
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM
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FMP Finance and Business (Instructor John Edwards, P.E., CFM, FMP)
- Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 - 8:30AM to 10:00AM
- Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 - 1:00PM to 2:30PM
- Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 - 8:30AM to 10:00AM
- Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020 - 8:30AM to 10:00AM
- Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 - 8:30AM to 10:00AM
- Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 - 8:30AM to 10:00AM
Register Here

FMP Leadership and Strategy Essentials (Instructor Rich Fanelli, AIA, CFM, IFMA Fellow)
- Friday, Dec. 4, 2020 - 8:30AM to 9:30AM
- Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM
- Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 - 8:30AM to 9:30AM
- Saturday Dec. 12, 2020 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM
- Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 - 8:30AM to 10:00AM
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM
Register Here

Emergency Preparedness for Facility Managers
All class times 2:00PM to 5:30PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020
- Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020
Register Here

For more information contact: Frank Vollmer, fvollme2@gmu.edu, (703) 993-4838
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Our vision is to live in a world where FM is a career of choice, inspiring and shaping the future of the built environment. The Global Workforce Initiative addresses the triple bottom line of Economy, Equity, and Environment. Meeting this demand is critical to the energy efficiency of the built environment, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing economic productivity of these buildings, and providing education and employment opportunities in the profession of facility management.

GWI programs are offered through the IFMA Foundation’s:

- FM Accredited Degree Programs (ADP)
- FM Registered Degree Programs (RDP)
- FM Talent Development Pipeline (TDP)

Students enrolled in GWI programs have the opportunity to participate in scholarship programs, internships, job shadowing and our signature student competition, IgniteFM! The Student Challenge.

We Educate

students and incumbent workers through our accredited and registered degree programs in higher education institutions. Our talent development pipeline programs engage students and incumbent workers to prepare for the facility management profession which impacts the triple bottom line.

We Invest

in the future by providing new career opportunities through scholarships, internship programs, career fairs, job listings, job shadowing and our Ignite FM! student competitions.

We Connect

with communities to inform students, parents, teachers, guidance counselors, community organizations, economic development and government agencies about an exciting and prosperous career opportunity.

To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Diane Levine, Executive Director at diane.levine@ifma.org. Visit our website and subscribe at https://foundation.ifma.org/.
The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have developed and disseminated directives and recommendations for employers to follow, including limited direct contact between employees, administrative controls to reduce the chances of exposure at work, and even to provide alternatives to traditional in-office work with the full complement of staff in one space. These recommendations have been implemented by numerous organizations, and many have improved and extended these recommendations to include new policies and procedures that are unique to their needs as an organization. These can include hot desking, alternating shifts by days or weeks as needed for the projects that a team may be working on, limiting occupation of a given area based on distancing requirements, providing new sanitation materials and services, and increasing the requirements for entry and occupation of a facility such as maintaining distancing from others and requiring the wearing of a facial covering by all occupants.

While these controls are helpful, there are still resources that can be found for individuals and for organizations that can be of assistance to provide ways of thinking and acting to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and to limit an individual’s chances of being infected and potentially exposing others to the virus. These include, but are not limited to, the routine washing of hands, wearing facial coverings whenever in common spaces and outside of the home, and routinely disinfecting workspaces and commonly touched items. These types of informational resources can be found on the CDC COVID Updates page, the WHO Advice and Technical Guidance pages, the Capital Chapter’s COVID-19 Preparedness Resources Center, the IFMA Coronavirus Resource Center, as well as in the guidelines and updates provided by each employer as to how the company itself will proceed with re-opening in a way to best protect its employees. Companies are required to have a policy or procedure in place as to how to re-open for business while maintaining as high a level of safety as possible for employees, customers, and any visitor that may enter the facility.

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Many companies and organizations are establishing policies for cleaning and sanitizing working spaces, both as a preventative measure and to disinfect areas in the event of a presumptive or confirmed case of exposure in the workplace. Disinfection companies are advertising and spreading across the country, offering disinfection services that are compliant with CDC guidelines and utilizing EPA-approved chemical cleaners that are certified through the EPA’s List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2. These cleaners can be easily checked against the List N by inputting the EPA registration number of the chemical agent(s), and the List N sheet will detail not only the ingredients, but also will show how long the agent(s) will need to be in contact with the surface in question to sanitize the surface. Companies can dictate what chemicals are used, such as mandating non-bleach products in common areas or in spaces with limited outside airflows.

Ultimately, while the Coronavirus will not disappear as quickly as it spread, it can be contained and the spread can be minimized through proper procedures and through personal adherence to, and accountability for, an individual’s actions. While a nation, a state, or even a company can advise and mandate policies and regulations for how to maintain safety, it is up to the individuals to take the necessary steps to protect both themselves and others. When outside of the home, wearing a facial covering, maintaining distance from non-family members, and continuing to wash one’s hands are some of the most effective ways to minimize the chance of spreading the virus.

Resources for information:
- IFMA Capital Chapter COVID Resource page
- IFMA Coronavirus Resource Center
- CDC COVID updates
- WHO advice page
- WHO Technical Guidance
Looking for a Job? Looking for a great candidate to fill a vacancy? Visit the Capital Chapter’s Career Center and access jobs and candidates in the metro-DC area. The most recent job postings are listed below:

**Title:** Boiler and Plant Maintenance Engineer  
**Company:** Other Half Brewing  
**Location:** Washington, DC  
**Posted:** August 12, 2020

The Boiler and Plant Maintenance Engineer is responsible for care, preventative maintenance, and to find new and creative solutions to problems that arise within the brewery mechanical systems including the brewhouse, canning line, air compressors, pumps, refrigeration, and draft system. We expect the applicant to be able to follow systems in place, and to be able to evolve the functionality and mechanical operations of the brewery.

**Title:** Maintenance Technician  
**Company:** Cornerstone Building Brands  
**Location:** Rocky Mount, VA  
**Posted:** August 6, 2020

Cornerstone Building Brands is the largest manufacturer of exterior building products in North America. Job responsibilities include:

- Hands on Maintenance experience of manufacturing equipment
- Ability to trouble shoot and follow through with repairs of manufacturing equipment
- Ability to trouble shoot and follow through with repairs of electronic controls
- Read and Understand technical/repair manuals and vendor resources
- Experience using electrical testing equipment
- Maintain, service, clean and properly store equipment
- Check functionality of safety systems (e.g. fire alarm)
- Inspect and repair all damages to building surfaces
- Participate in different projects (e.g. renovations)
- Report to a facilities or maintenance manager for issues
- Ensure adherence to quality standards and health and safety regulations
- Perform other related duties and activities as required

**Title:** Flight Operations Manager  
**Company:** Leidos  
**Location:** Manassas, VA  
**Posted:** August 2, 2020

Airborne Solutions at Leidos currently has an opportunity for a Flight Operations Manager to work at our Manassas Regional Airport, Manassas, VA office. The selected candidate will direct and coordinate Flight Operations for a state of the art Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platform undergoing test and development activities. The selected candidate will coordinate multifaceted efforts between Mission Payload Engineers, Fixed Wing Maintenance, Test Engineers and Leidos Program Management, consolidating and preparing daily, weekly and findings reports. The Flight Operations Manager will interact daily with senior level management on the short and long term planning and execution of program directed aviation efforts.
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### We simplify the delivery of spaces where you want to work.
Capital Chapter Upcoming Events…

August 25: FM Roundtable Series
August 26: Community Service Happy Hour
September 8: FM Roundtable Series
September 22: FM Roundtable Series
September 25: Rocket Frog Beer Tasting Happy Hour
October 6: FM Roundtable Series
October 20: FM Roundtable Series
December 9 - 11: IFMA’s World Workplace
                Grapevine TX

NOTE: In addition to the above events, the chapter is hosting a virtual FMP Course (10 weeks) along with a virtual SFP course (14 weeks)

For more information, or to register, visit the Capital Chapter website or call 703-691-IFMA.