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International Code Council and National Environmental Health Association Announce Pandemic Task Force Best Practices Guide

The International Code Council and NEHA-led Pandemic Task Force Guide aims to prepare communities for future potential health hazards

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council’s [Pandemic Task Force \(PTF\)](#) in collaboration with the [National Environmental Health Association \(NEHA\)](#), recently published the *Pandemic Task Force Consolidated Best Practices Guide*. The guide was created to prepare buildings and communities for disease-related threats.

The best practices in the guide were created after researching the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the built environment. It proposes needed resources, including guidelines, recommended practices and implementation of the 2024 International Codes®. The contents of the guide can assist in addressing potential challenges during future pandemics. This guide will also aid in constructing and maintaining safe, sustainable and affordable occupancy of the built environment.

More information on the creation of the PTF can be found [here](#).

“Preparedness is key in any dangerous event, and health hazards like pandemics are no exception,” said Code Council Vice President of Technical Services Kevin McOsker who led the Pandemic Task Force. “It is with great pleasure that we can announce these new best practices. We look forward to continuing the Code Council’s mission of keeping our communities and buildings safe.”

The Pandemic Task Force Consolidated Best Practices Guide is available for download [here](#).

“The environmental health workforce is the frontline of helping communities to prepare for health threats,” said Doug Farquhar, NEHA government affairs director. “We hope this guide will help professionals on the ground to ensure safe and healthy built environments.”

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

About the National Environmental Health Association

The [National Environmental Health Association \(NEHA\)](#) represents more than 7,000 governmental, private, academic, and uniformed services sector environmental public health professionals in the U.S., its territories, and internationally. NEHA is the profession’s strongest advocate for excellence in the practice of environmental health as it delivers on its mission to build, sustain, and empower an effective environmental health workforce.