

# THE PANDEMIC'S OTHER FRONT LINE

HOW LAB DESIGN & OPERATIONS CAN FUTURE-PROOF THE WORKPLACE



## VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 3, 2021  
9:00–10:00AM CST

Effective contagion control strategies at the region's state-of-the-art research facilities are influencing the next generation of lab environments, healthcare spaces and other workplaces.

As organizations assess their existing infrastructure and plan for the future, they can learn valuable lessons from public health and biocontainment labs. Because these secure research facilities are designed and built with the primary function of protecting individuals and communities, they're helping to guide the development of Kansas City's future work environments.

During this virtual event, experts in construction, architecture, and animal and human health research organizations will examine design and operational strategies that prioritize safety, security and productivity.

### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- » How to optimize safety and security while controlling operating costs.
- » Tools and workflows that can be implemented to protect essential employees during an emergency event or unforeseen crisis.
- » How to reduce the likelihood of cross-contamination by rethinking circulation paths, integrating touchless interfaces, developing effective waste management practices, and building in flexibility.
- » Effective design and operational strategies for reassuring employees they're working in a safe, secure environment.

### PANEL OF EXPERTS



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