



Members Respond to the Coronavirus Challenge

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What's the biggest work/COVID-19 challenge you're facing this week?

The biggest challenge has been not being able to meet with the landlord for face to face negotiation on deals. The difficulty also applies internally when most of employees are still working from home. The communication highly depending on online meeting programs, which sometime could face connection issues.

What's the current situation in your city relative to opening non-essential businesses?

Non-essential businesses have been gradually opened since March. It certainly has provided convenience to people with their day-to-day lives as well as helping people getting back to normalcy. We did see at some non-essential businesses places where people are not wearing masks all the time and not following the social distancing strictly.

How do you think COVID-19 will bring about permanent changes in corporate real estate and workplace strategy?

COVID-19 has an epic impact on people from all walks of life. When it comes to corporate real estate industry, some new workplace models are being tested and more enterprises and employers are willing to accept the new working arrangement e.g. flexible working hours, Work from Home, and make full use of online meeting programs. The importance of advancing the safety index of workplace environments have drawn a lot of attention among CRE strategy makers, too.