

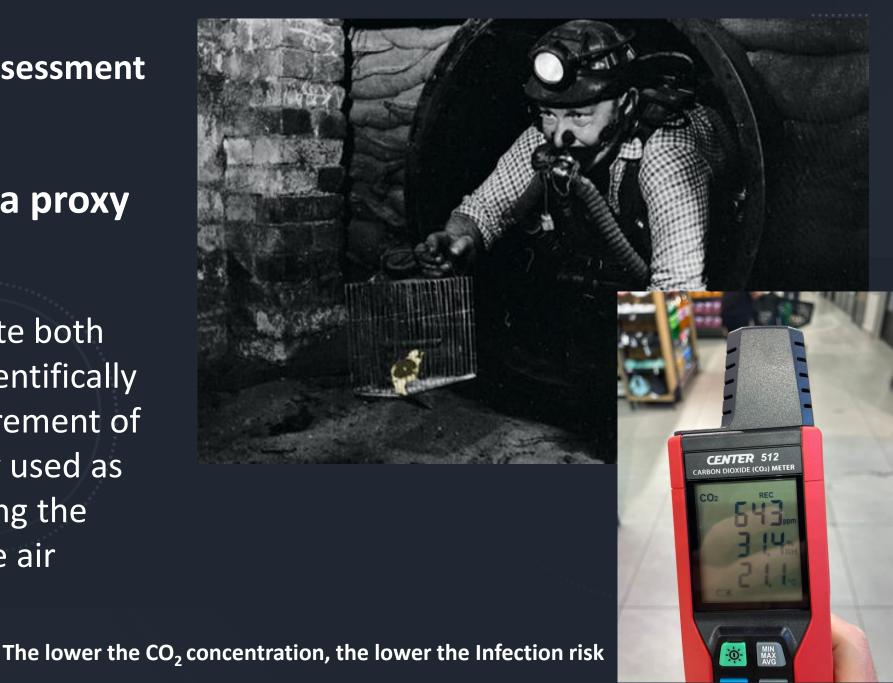
## Carbon Dioxide measurements as a rapid and dynamic Facility Management Tool

CO<sub>2</sub> and Risk Assessment

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### Carbon Dioxide as a proxy for infection risk

Since humans generate both  $CO_2$  and virus, it is scientifically accepted that measurement of  $CO_2$  can be accurately used as a proxy for determining the amount of virus in the air



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# **Countries incorporating CO<sub>2</sub> into their Ventilation Guidance Documents**

**USA** – via ASHRAE 700ppm or less above outdoor levels / DCV of 400 – 500 (within HVAC Systems)

**Australia** – Trade Unions are asking for limits below 600ppm

**Denmark** - Use energy saving settings or CO<sub>2</sub> sensors control

**Germany** - Consider additional CO2 measurement ("CO2 traffic light ") for the purpose of user awareness

**Norway** - The use of a  $CO_2$  sensor can act as an indicator of poor air quality and thus also potential SARS-CoV-2 presence from exhalation

**Slovenia** - It is sufficient to set ventilation systems that require the  $CO_2$  value to be set to a lower value at 400 ppm

**South Africa** – Busy rewriting the NBR, Part O to include CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations



Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems in the context of COVID-19: first update

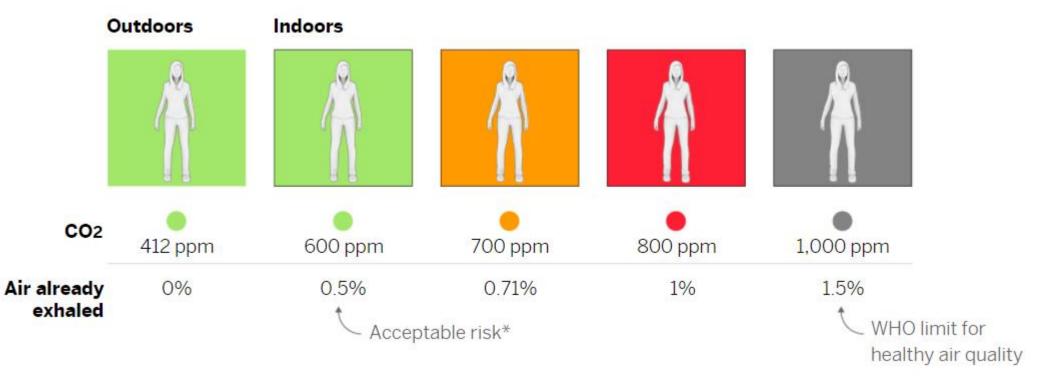
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### GFA Limits applied to test Ventilation Rates



- Accepted that CO<sub>2</sub> value maintained as <400ppm above ambient (outside) air limits viral transmission (99.9% Risk Reduction)
- 800ppm roughly equates to 15 liters / second / person
- >800ppm indicates increasingly poorer quality ventilation with
- > 1400ppm and above indicating very Low-Quality ventilation

Concentrations above 1400 ppm are not unusual in poorly ventilated areas **Carbon Dioxide:** 2000ppm CO<sub>2</sub> - would equate to ventilation rates of <2L/s per person as **100% relative risk** of COVID-19 infection occurring and is used to describe superspreading events



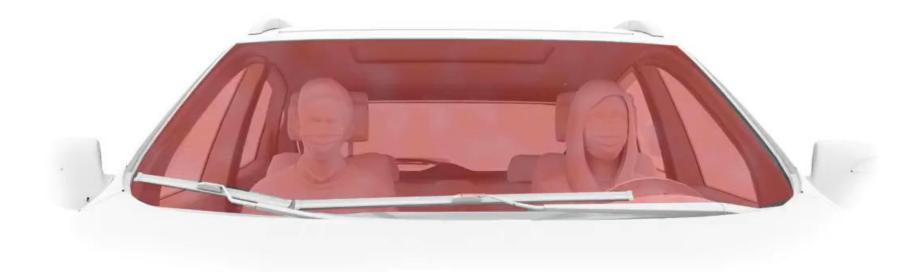
#### > 2000ppm is common in (unventilated) occupied spaces

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If one of the two people in the car is Covid-positive, **the risk of the other catching the virus** is 30% in 30 minutes or **71% in an hour**.

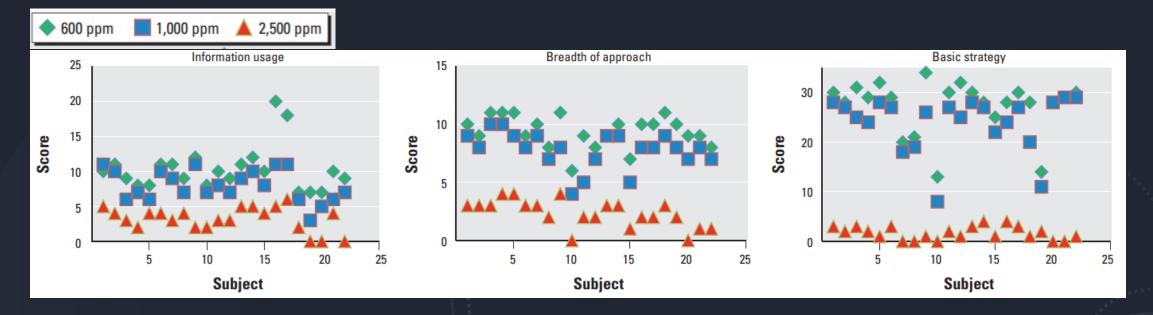
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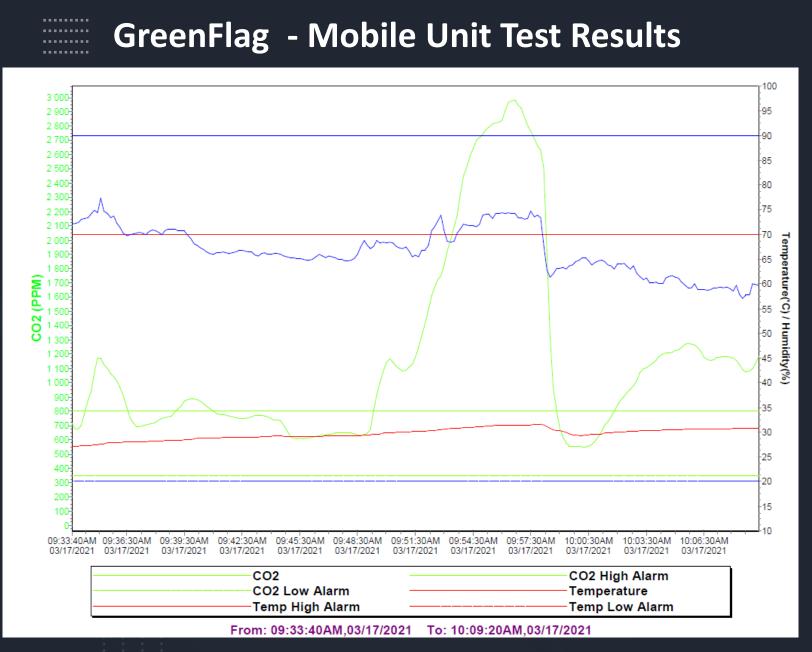
If both people **open their windows** just five centimeters, crossventilation can **renew the air up to nine times every minute.** The exhaled air disappears and **the probability of transmission is low.** 

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### Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> on human decision-making performance



- Increases in indoor CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were associated with statistically significant and meaningful reductions in decision-making performance.
- At 1,000 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> performance was significantly impacted
- At 2,500 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> performance metrics decreasing to levels associated with marginal or dysfunctional performance.
- Other studies show that at 100pm there is an increased risk of inflammation, bone demineralization, kidney calcification, oxidative stress and endothelial dysfunction



#### CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring is a **Rapid Test** where the complexity in the interpretation is well understood by the GreenFlag Association and backed by international standards and research

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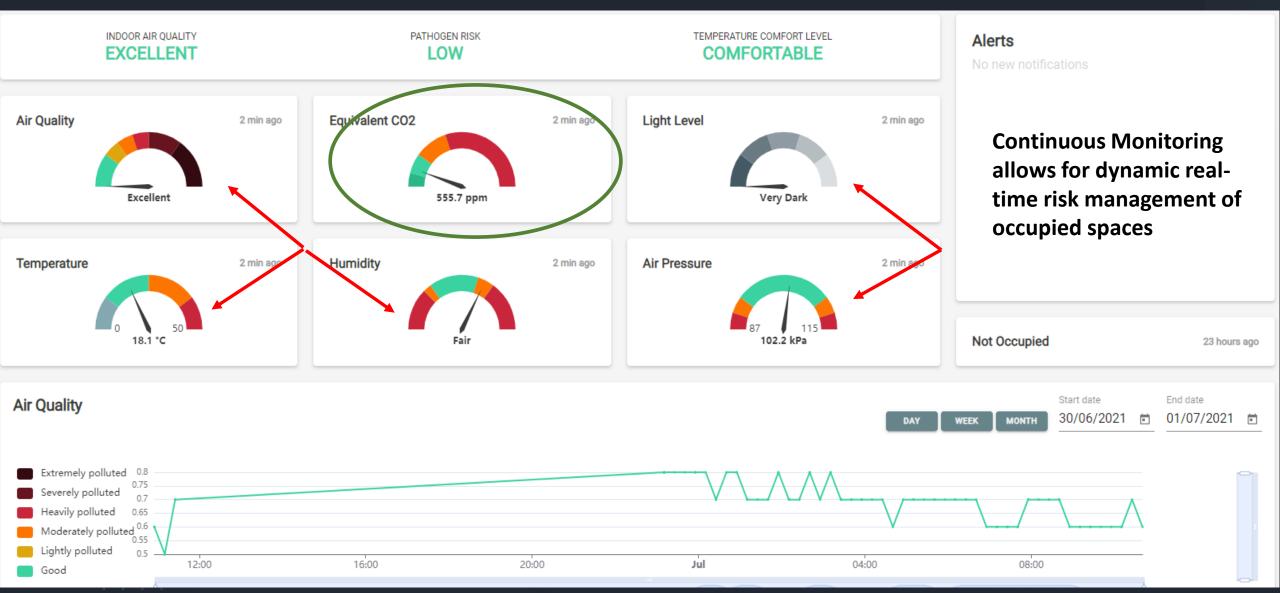
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### The GreenFlag Association Continuous Monitoring Platform



#### GREENFLAG CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

#### This is to confirm that:

#### The Butcher Boys

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and is hereby deemed COMPLIANT with the GreenFlag Association's certification criteria to provide a healthy public space that significantly mitigates the risk of spreading airborne pathogens like COVID-19, through implementing the following key barriers:

#### Management Systems / Ventilation / Social Distancing / Occupancy Rates / Mask Use / Disinfection & Sanifisation

With average Carbon Dioxide concentrations predicted to be in the EXCELLENT (<800PPM) range for Indoor Air Quality at a peak occupancy of 100 people, this certificate is issued subject to the following provisions:

· Maintain the existing excellent customer login and surface disinfection protocols including sanitization station at the entrance

 All North and East facing windows to remain FULLY OPEN during peak occupancy and open to 30% - to 40% off-peak occupancy

Occupancy rates should not exceed 100 people.



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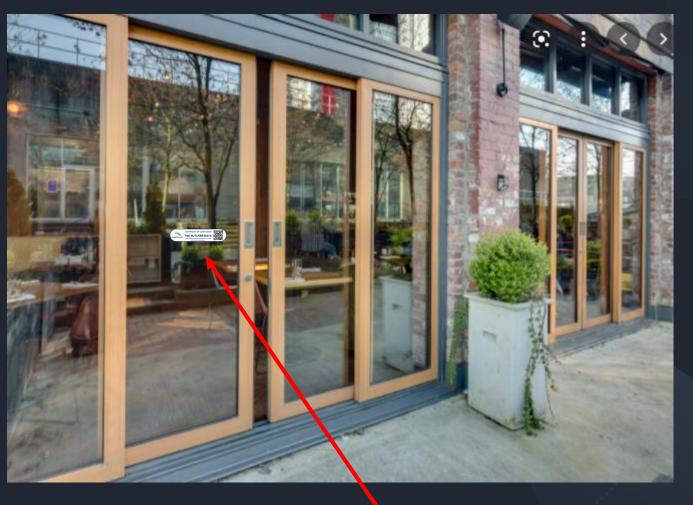
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### **GreenFlag Association Certification**







"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke

