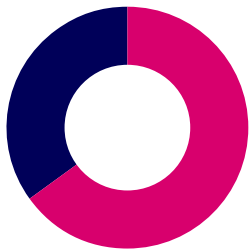
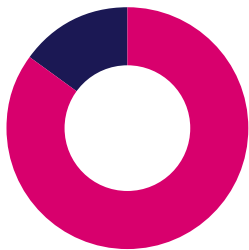


What hygiene measures make employees feel **confident and safe** returning to the workplace?

A recent survey of U.S. workers offers insights to stepped-up hygiene and cleanliness expectations for office and public spaces in post-pandemic life.



▶ **65%** of employed Americans who went into an office prior to COVID-19 are/were concerned about the cleanliness and hygiene of the office upon their return.



▶ **84%** of Americans are likely to continue the enhanced hygiene protocols they adopted due to the pandemic.

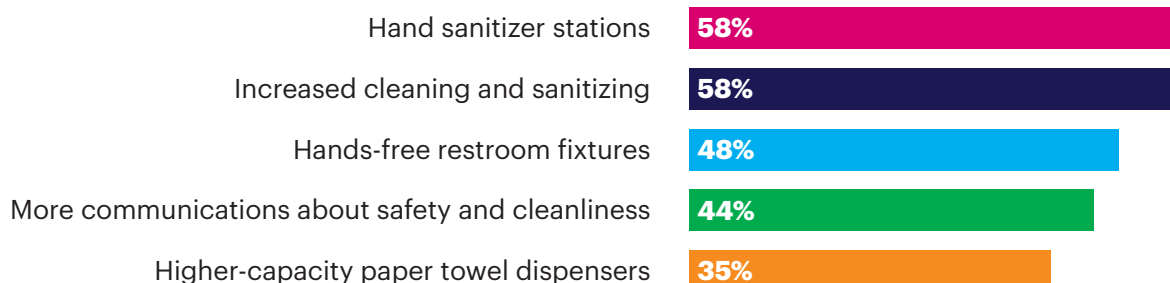
▶ **86%+** of American adults still believe increased cleaning and sanitizing are important in public places.

- 90%** Doctors' offices/healthcare facilities
- 89%** Restaurants
- 88%** Hotels
- 88%** Theaters
- 87%** Fitness centers
- 86%** Retail stores
- 86%** Entertainment facilities (stadiums/museums)

Old habits can be changed as those who have already returned to the office are noticing some new coworker behaviors:

- 57%** Using hand sanitizer more often
- 53%** Washing hands more often
- 51%** Shaking hands less
- 41%** Sanitizing hands after coughing or sneezing
- 37%** Washing hands after coughing or sneezing
- 36%** Washing or sanitizing hands after touching public surfaces
- 35%** Washing hands for a longer duration
- 34%** Wearing gloves to touch public surfaces
- 31%** Drying hands with a towel/paper towel vs. air drying
- 30%** Using objects to touch public surfaces (e.g., on elevators, to open doors, utilize keypads)

What do employees want to see in the workplace?



Source: Results of an online survey conducted within the United States by the Harris Poll on behalf of Essity, from May 5-7, 2021, among 2,064 adults ages 18 and older. <https://www.essityusa.com/media/us-news/2021/backtobusiness.html>