Reimagine the Learning Landscape

OUR COLLECTIVE PATH TOWARD THE FUTURE
REDEFINED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

The way the world is thinking about learning has changed, and we’re rolling up our sleeves to redesign the future. We’re redefining the places we learn and the way in which we learn. We will work with you to retrofit your existing products, redesign your spaces, and reimagine what’s next. As changemakers, we have a history of reinventing ourselves. We embrace the unknown and empower the human spirit through integrity, determination, and an eye toward what lies ahead. Together, we’ll craft the Now, the Near, and the Next.

Learning is no longer confined to only the classroom. A deeper focus has been placed on virtual learning in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. While this method of learning is beneficial in certain aspects, it is still extremely important for students to receive hands-on, face-to-face instructor led training. Therefore, in returning to the learning environment, the flexibility of the space and furniture are critical to the comfort, safety and overall experience of instructors and students. Areas that support creativity and socialization, collaboration, and seamless technology access to enhance the way students learn are still necessary. This means we need to look at the physical environment differently. We have to reconfigure existing layouts by adding space division, incorporate new, flexible furniture solutions that support easy movement and disinfection, add barriers (screens, storage, etc.) where appropriate social distancing is not possible, and implement building-wide cleaning protocols and processes with a holistic focus on creating and maintaining well-being of all environments.
BEFORE
When administrators, faculty, students, parents, and others re-enter schools and universities, they will undoubtedly expect it to have changed to focus on heightened safety to make everyone feel secure. However, they will also desire for it to remain a place of community, inspiration, and shared purpose.

AFTER
Flexible, mobile learning settings that provide safety and wellness for students and faculty to adapt and support the learning activities.
GATHER.

ABILITY TO ADAPT

The most challenging aspects of COVID-19 for most students has been the separation from friends and lack of interaction with others. Spaces for gathering and collaborating are critical to the student experience and must continue to provide safe engagement for all to take advantage of. Adjusting spaces by proper distancing of furnishings along with effective signage that reminds and reinforces the importance of spatial distancing is required. This should be combined with furnishings that respond to enhanced cleaning/disinfecting protocols to encourage personal safe hygiene.
Inviting spaces that students want to use are important and provide settings to get work done as well as to relax, refuel and recharge.

Create informal nooks that can be used for focused learning, casual work, or lounge seating.
NOW, NEAR, NEXT

NOW

• Adhere to all local, state and federal governmental guidance
• Implement building-wide cleaning protocols and processes
• Step up hygiene + health measures
• Reduce density
  • Provide for spatial distancing - 6ft. (or greater where possible)
  • Remove/move furniture to adapt
  • Spread out as much as the space in buildings allow and utilize outdoors where possible
• Repurpose some areas
• Solutions to support
  • Regroup / smaller classes
  • Combine and leverage strength of both virtual and face-to-face learning experiences
  • Stagger, rolling course attendance, alternating weeks etc.
  • Revise schedules and academic calendar
• Add barriers (screens, storage, etc.) where appropriate spatial distancing is not possible
NOW, NEAR, NEXT

NEAR
- Reconfigure and create new layouts of spaces to respond to increased attendance
- Incorporate new, flexible furniture solutions that support easy movement and disinfection

NEXT
- The choices made today should be wise investments in the future and not just short-term fixes.
- Increase holistic focus on health, wellness and well-being of all environments.
- Focus on the total experience for students, faculty, visitors and administration.
- Recognize that this is an evolution and not a revolution. Maintain the positive direction you were headed, as ongoing research and scientific evidence provides the certainties needed to inform future requirements.
We are devoted to reimagining the future and crafting products for what’s next. With a focus on well-being, spacial distancing, and enhanced sanitation, we’re actively designing solutions for wellness stations, temperature kiosks, and learning spaces for increased hygiene. We are comfortable embracing the unknown and redefining the future of learning.