



Gensler

BACK TO THE OFFICE

RETURN STRATEGIES
FOR THE WORKPLACE
AND OFFICE BUILDINGS

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BACK TO THE OFFICE

Building owners and users alike are grappling with unprecedented challenges. Based on our work with clients across the globe, Gensler offers space guidelines, proprietary tools, and services for what our clients need now, in the near term, and in the long term.

- **IMMEDIATE ACTIONS**
- **ONGOING PANDEMIC**
- **REIMAGINED FUTURE**

LISTENING TO OUR CLIENTS

We've been listening to our clients in every industry to address today's most pressing topics.

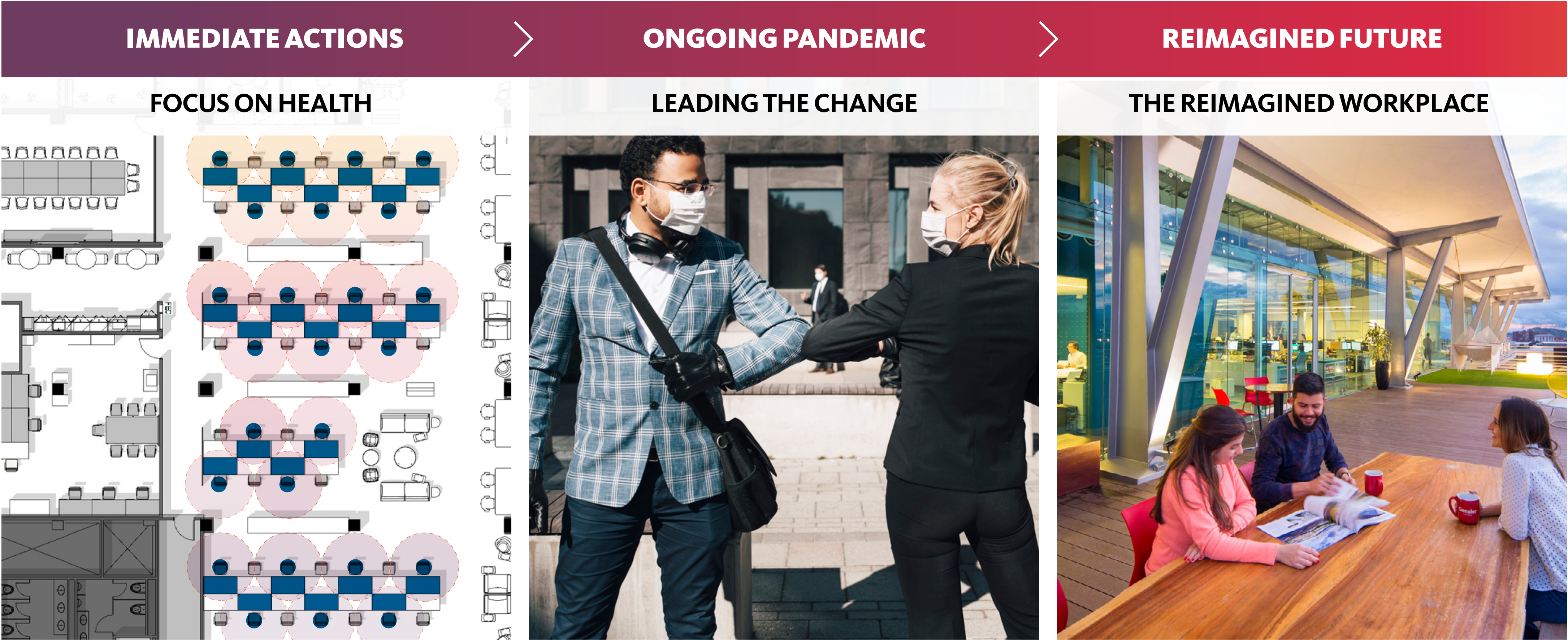


325+
Roundtables and one-on-one workshops

2,500
Multi-industry work-from-home respondents

67,000+
Clients engaged

SPECTRUM OF READINESS



THREE INCREMENTAL SHIFTS

We're working with clients to address strategies and solutions that not only get us back to the office, but also prepare us for the long-term future of work.



SPACE GUIDELINES

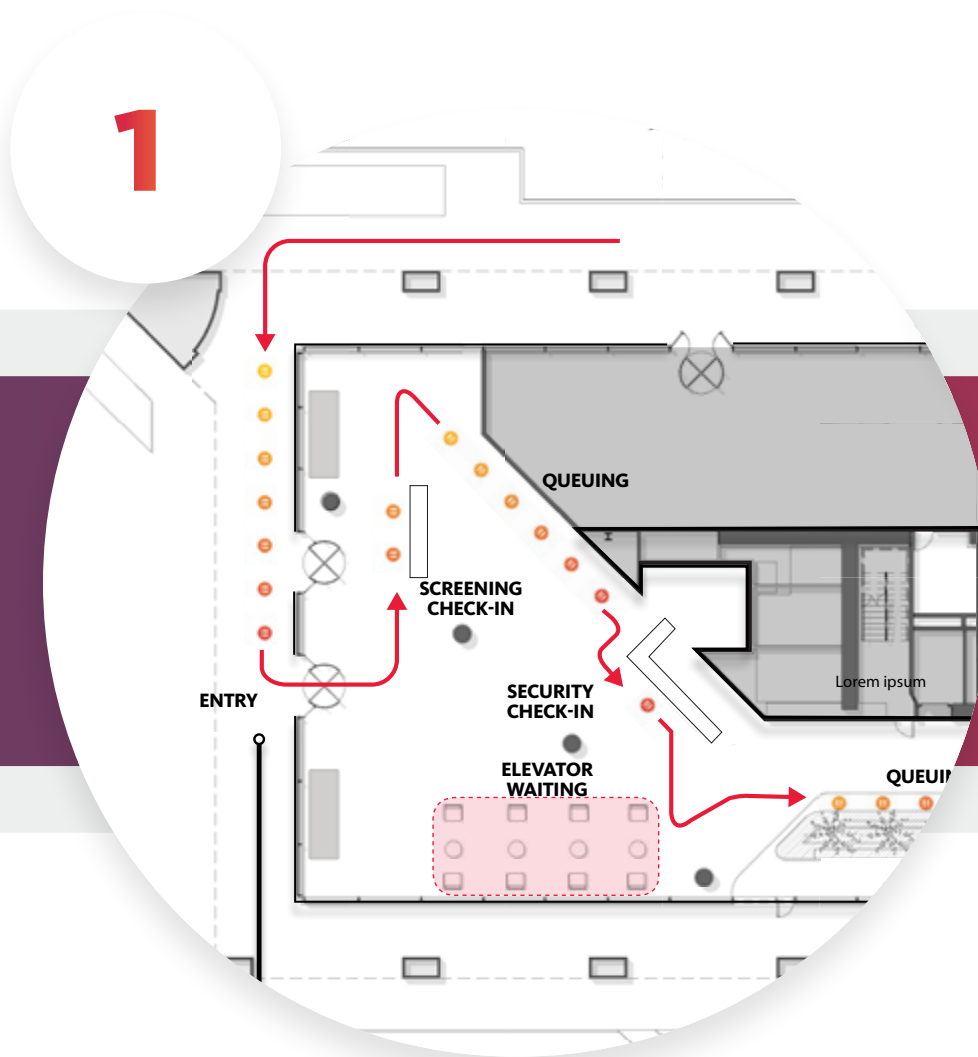
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FOR USERS / WORKPLACE

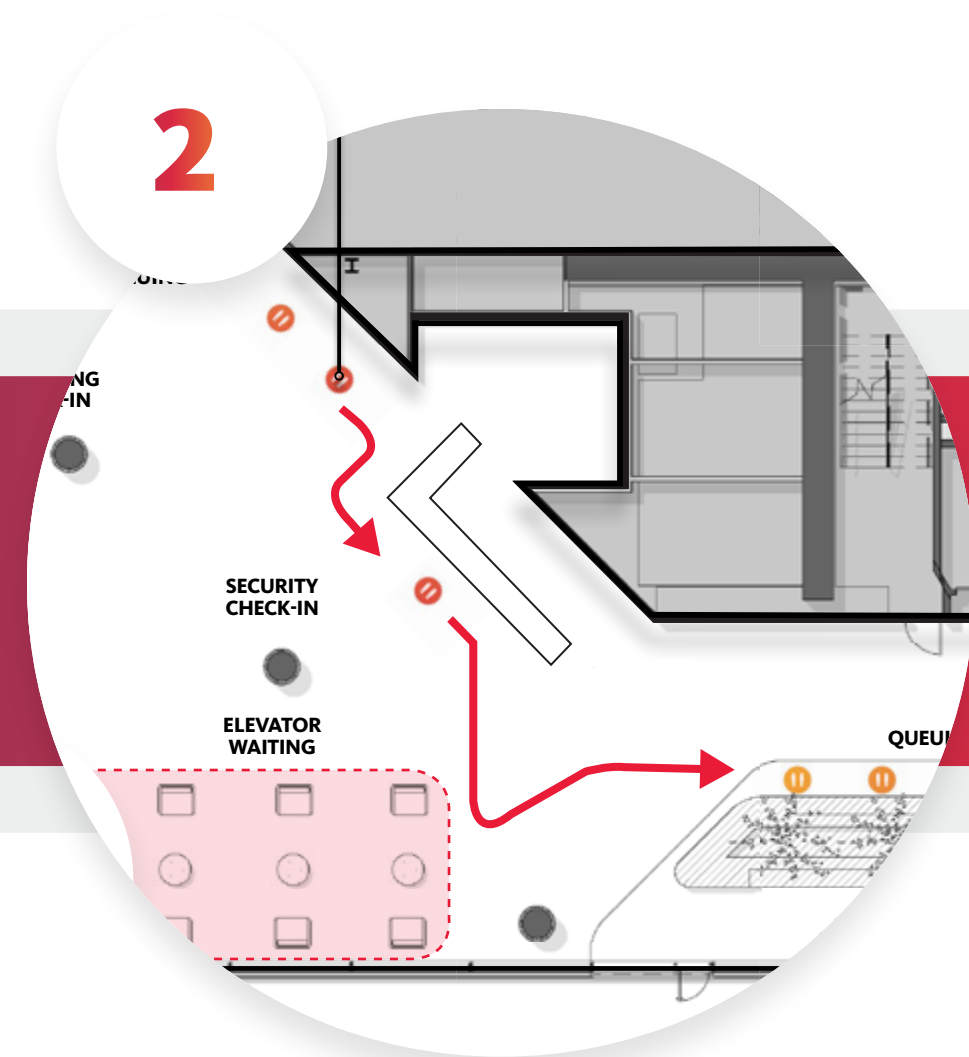
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Building Access:
Entrances + Queuing



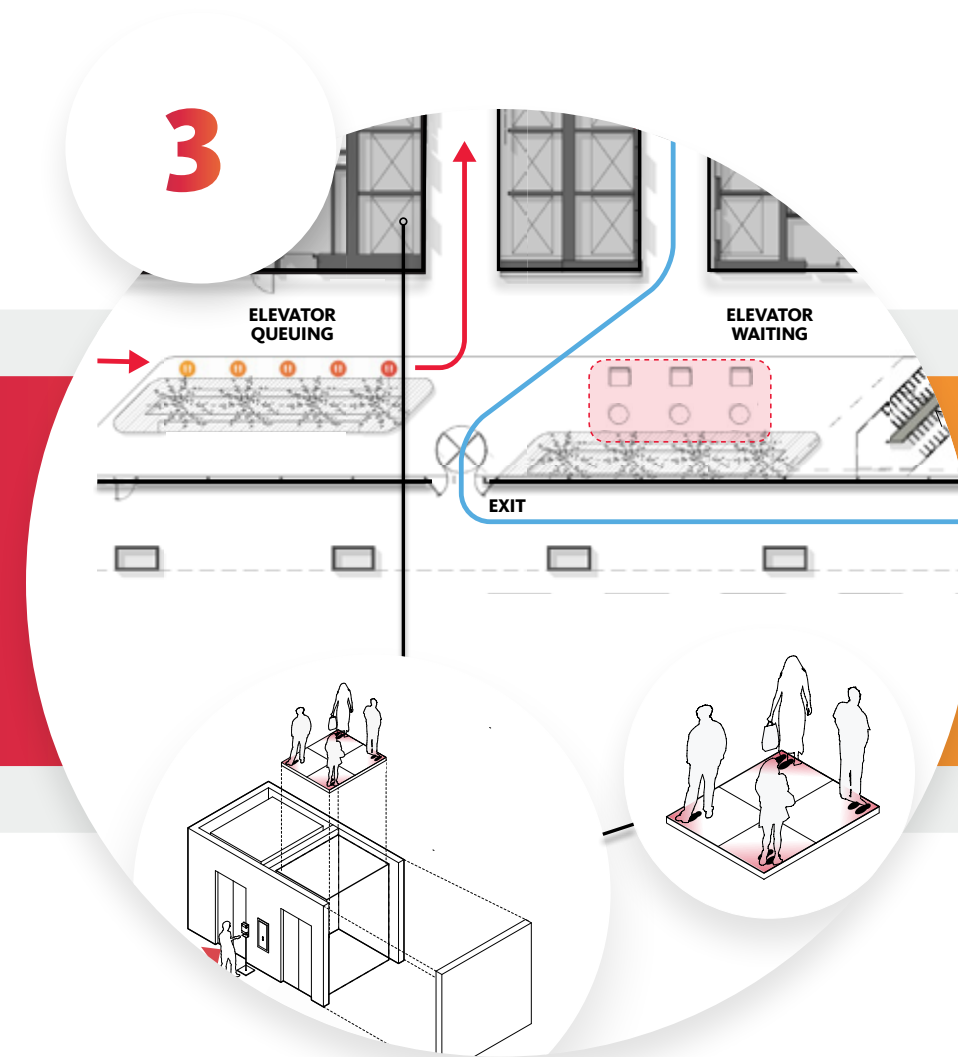
- Single door entries, automatic
- Limit entry points
- Floor decals to adhere to physical distancing guidelines

Building Lobby:
Screening, Check-in + Security



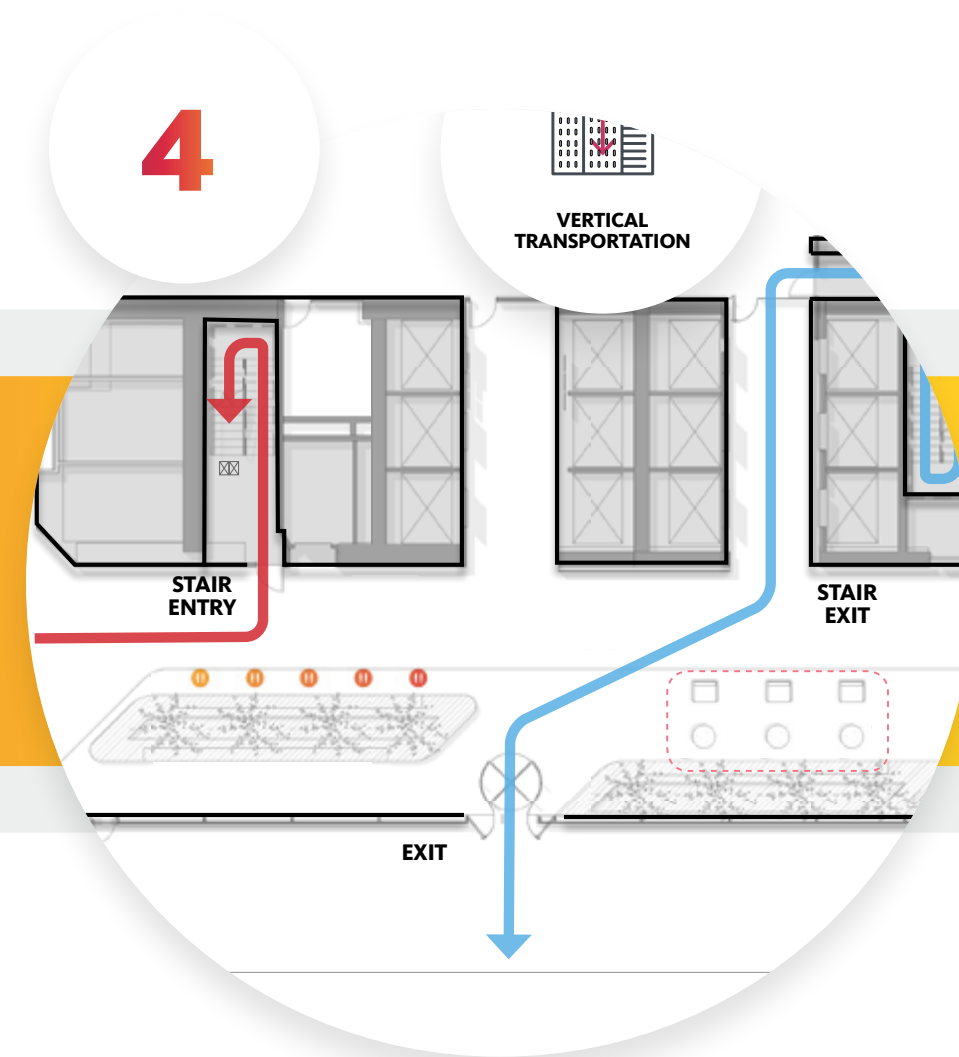
- Centralized check-in for health and wellness screening, monitoring, and sign-in
- Designated queuing and waiting area for elevators

Building Circulation:
Elevators



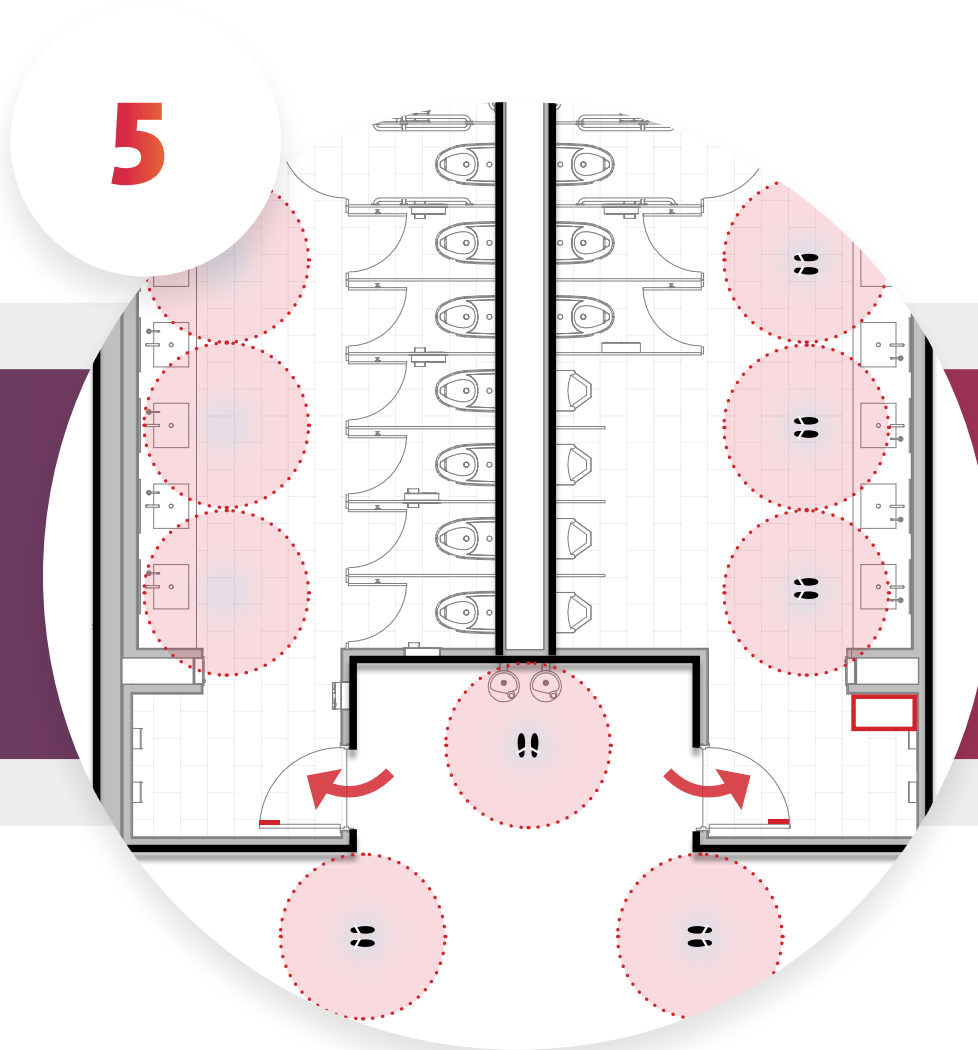
- Elevator capacity limited by cab size
- Floor decals to adhere to physical distancing guidelines: boarding, riding, and disembarking

Building Circulation:
Fire Stairs



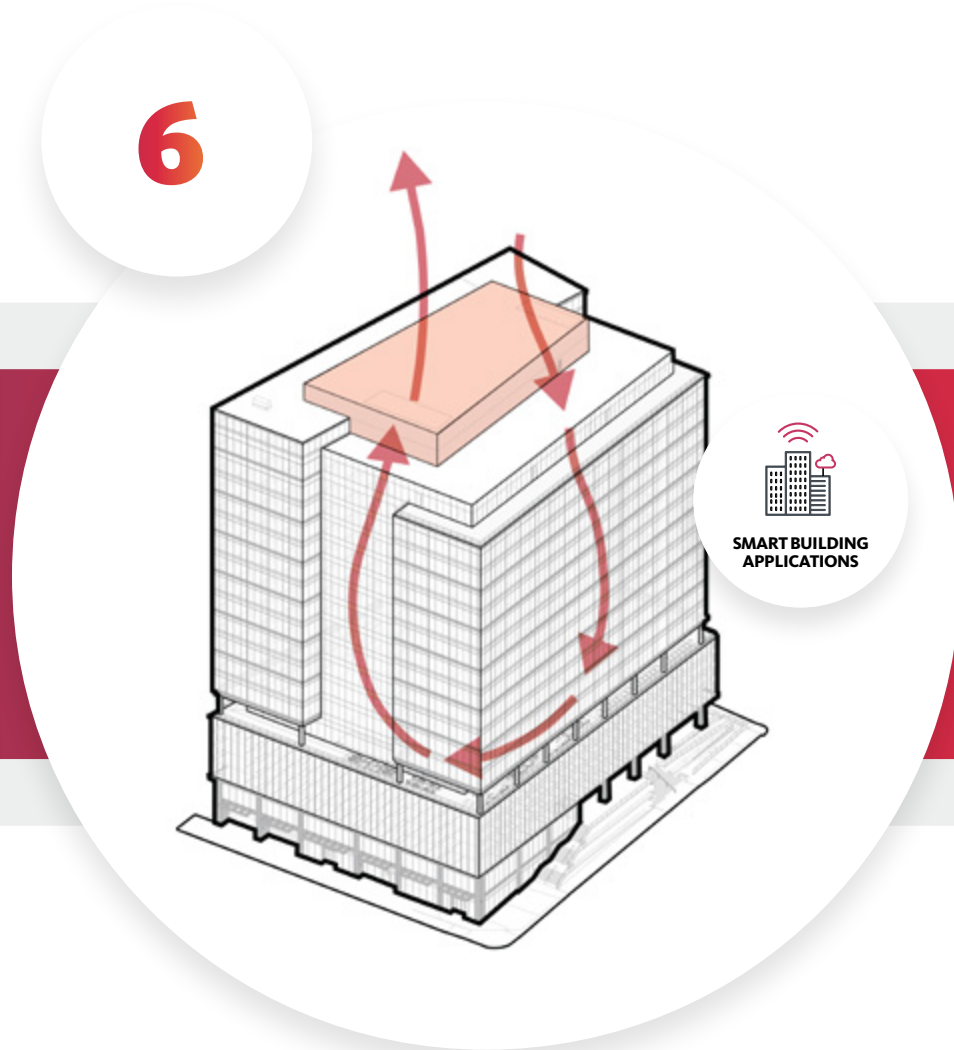
- Use fire stairs for one way traffic in lieu of elevators (for lower floors)

Building Public Space:
Restrooms



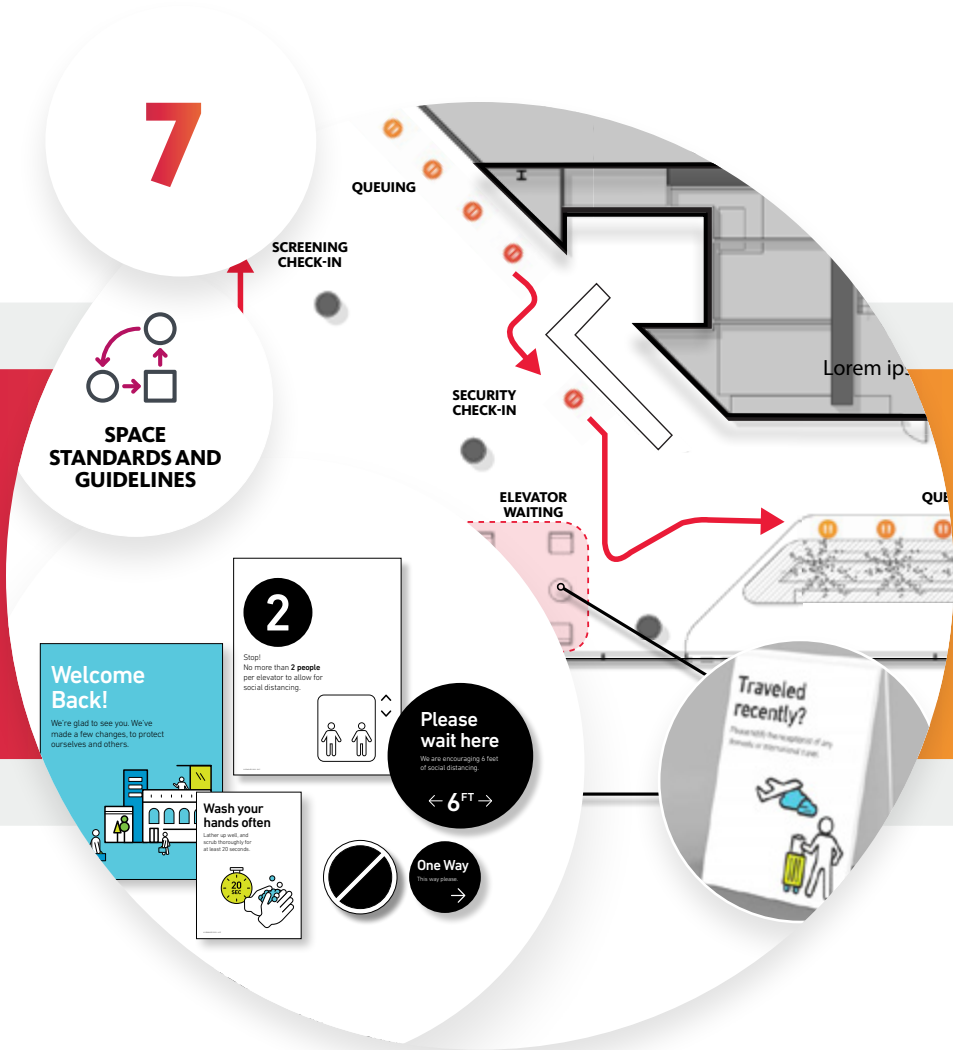
- Use alternating stalls to control capacity and support physical distancing, confirm with local code compliance
- Heightened cleaning protocols, with protocol + occupancy signage

Building Systems:
Filtration + Ventilation



- Increased fresh air intake
- Advanced air filtration
- Increase frequency of air flushing

Wayfinding, Signage +
Graphics



- Core, integrated and customized branding and signage components, supporting key areas
- Signage and decals to guide employees through multiple spaces and encourage best-practice protocols

Protocols + Cleaning



- Implement cleaning protocols
- Use signage to encourage people to clean equipment, door handles, and surfaces before and after use

Workplace Entrances:
Visitor + Employee



- Separated visitor and employee entrances + screening
- Designate employee safe zone after check-in, with no visitor access

Workplace Lobby:
Queuing + Check-In



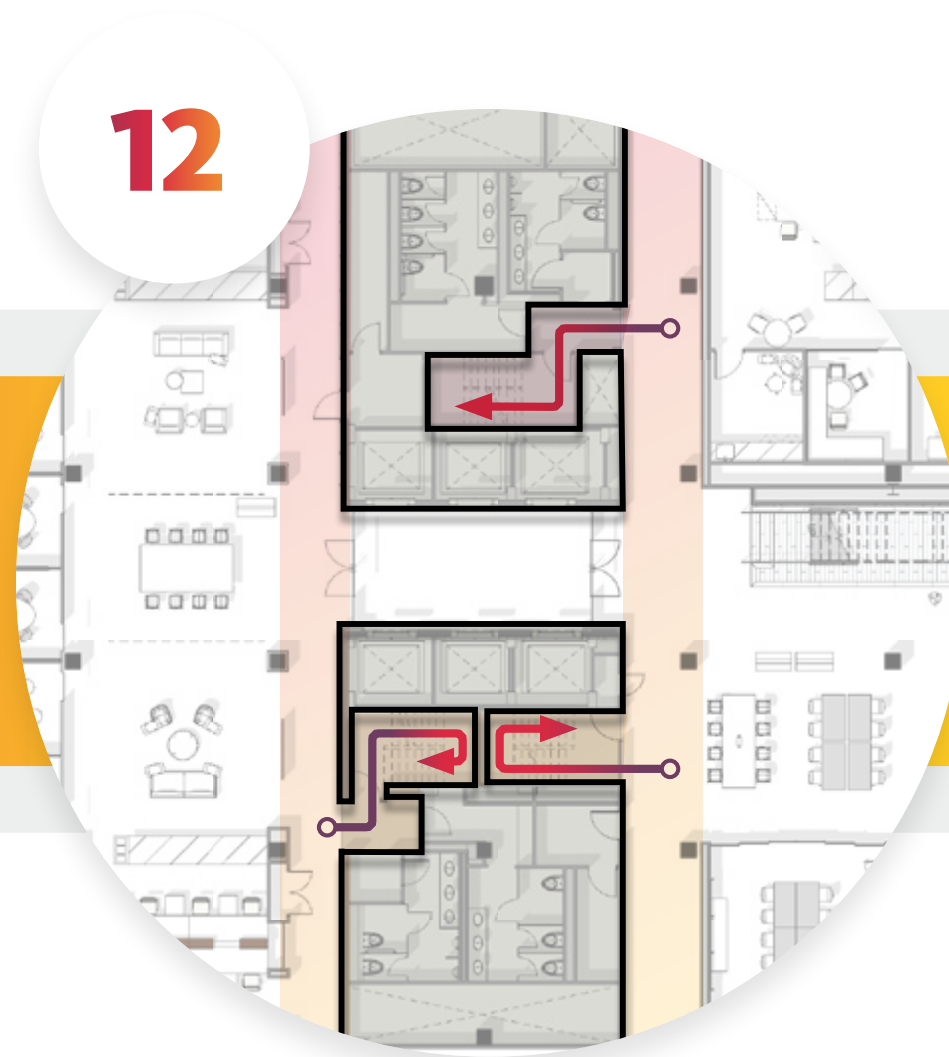
- Centralized check-in and monitoring
- Floor graphic decals to adhere to physical distancing guidelines

Workplace Circulation:
Path



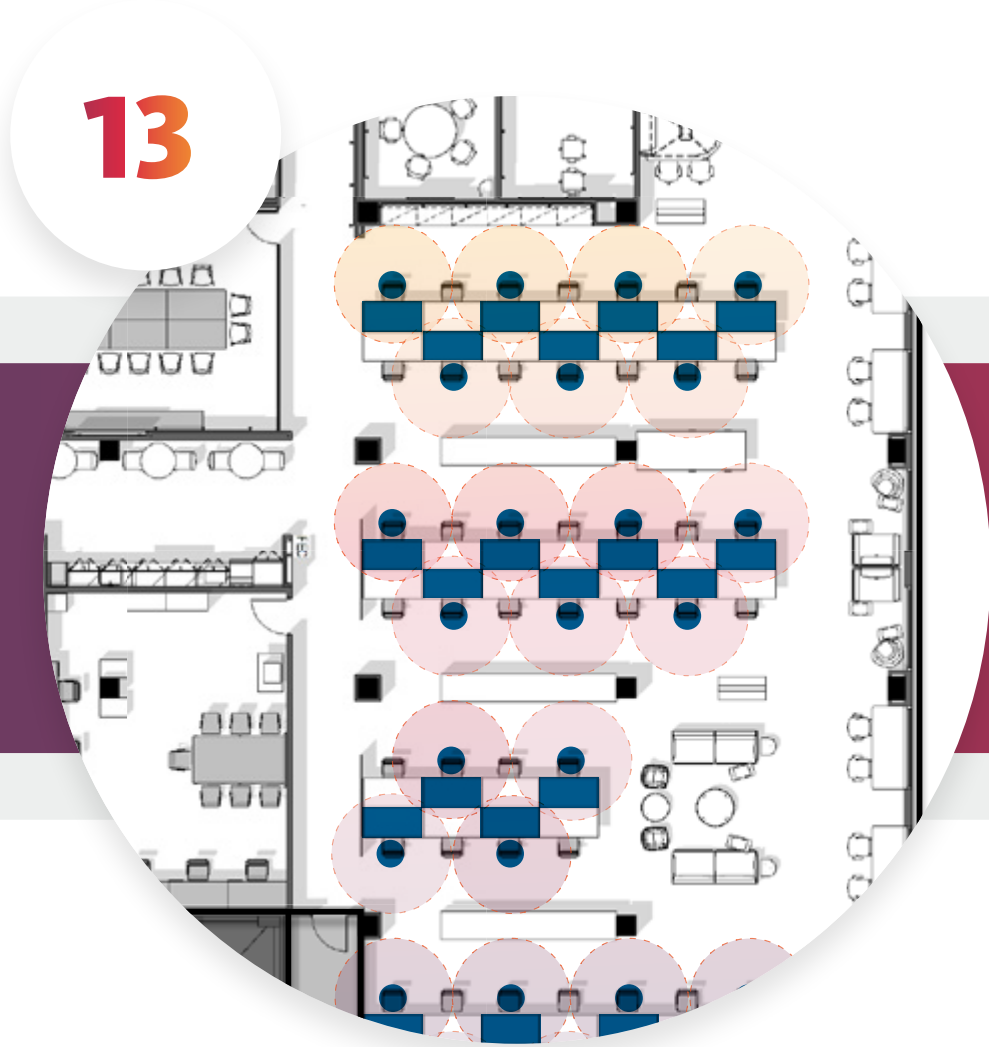
- One way circulation, avoid crossing in opposite directions
- Paths noted with directional signage

Workplace Circulation:
Fire Stairs



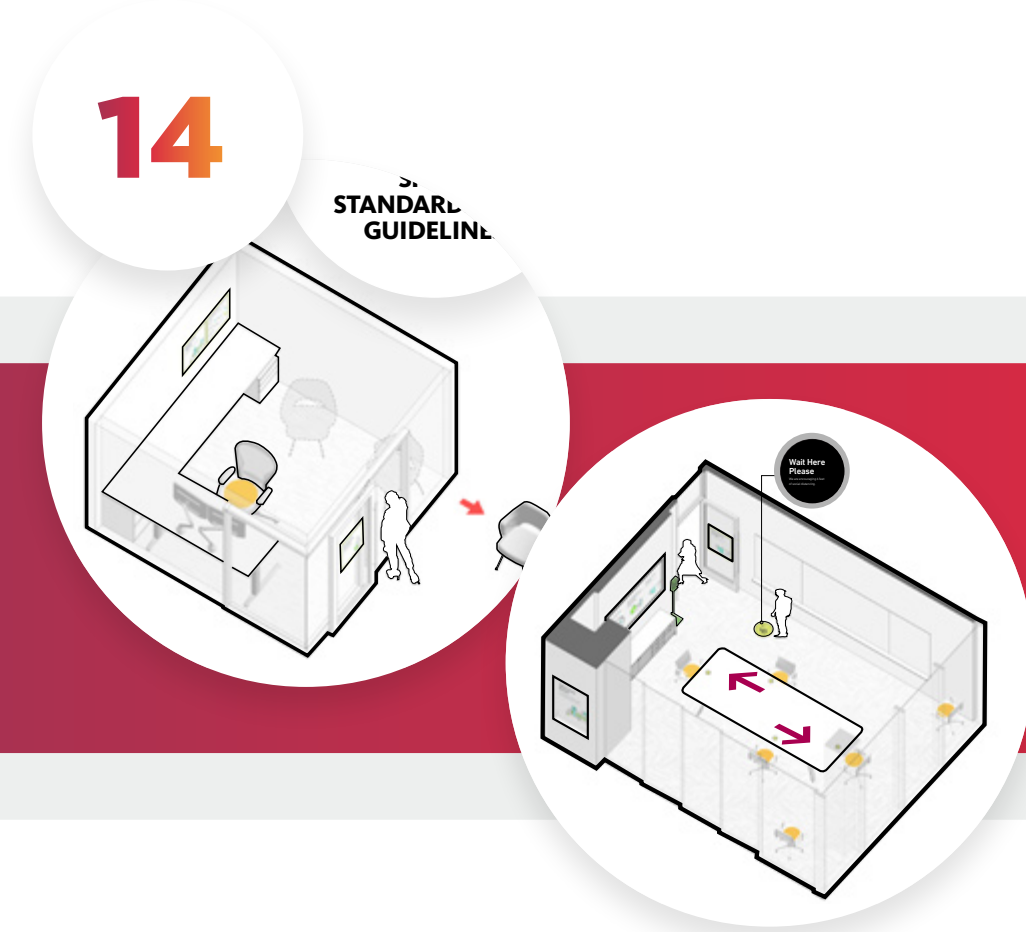
- Use fire stairs instead of elevators for multi-floor tenants
- Enhanced communications and signage

Workplace Open Plan:
De-densification



- Maintain physical distancing guidelines between individual desks
- Limit desks that would require people to directly face each other

Workplace:
Offices + Conference Rooms



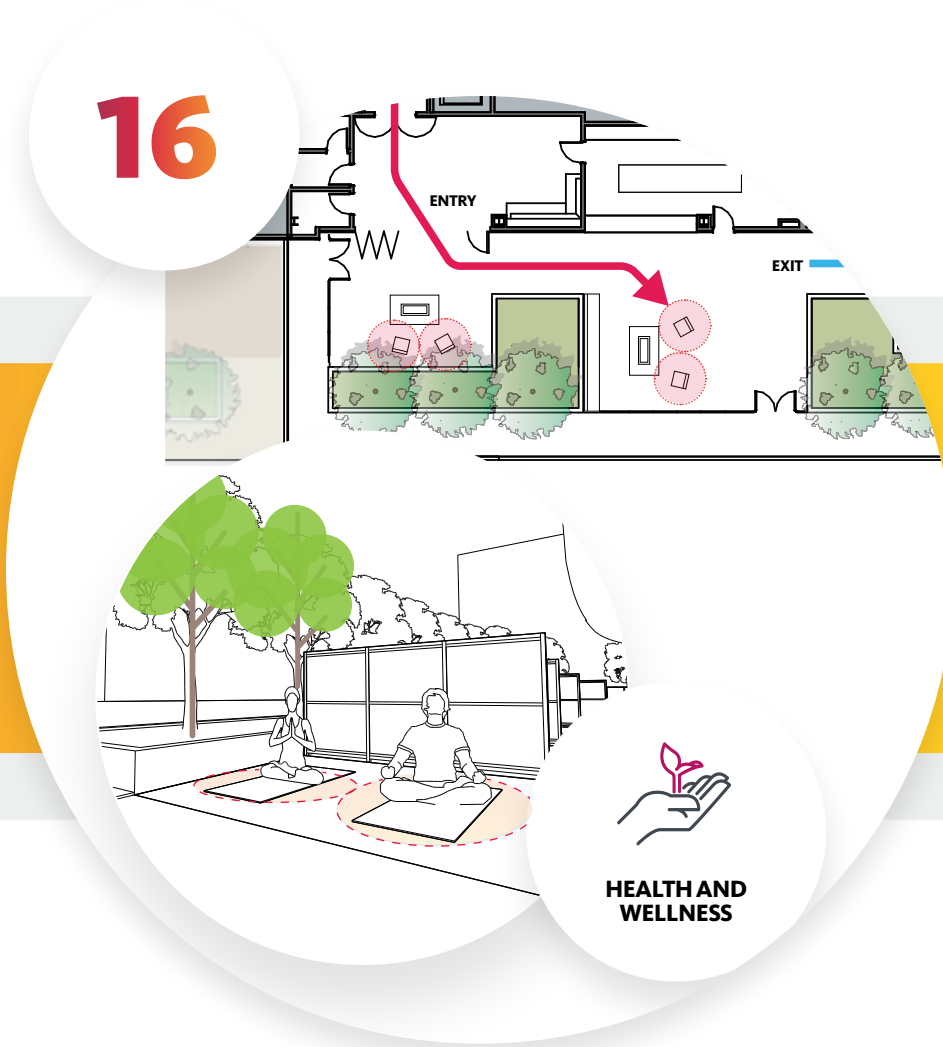
- Doors to remain open
- Limited occupancy per room size
- Meeting members to participate virtually from the office or home

Workplace:
Collaborative + Food Spaces

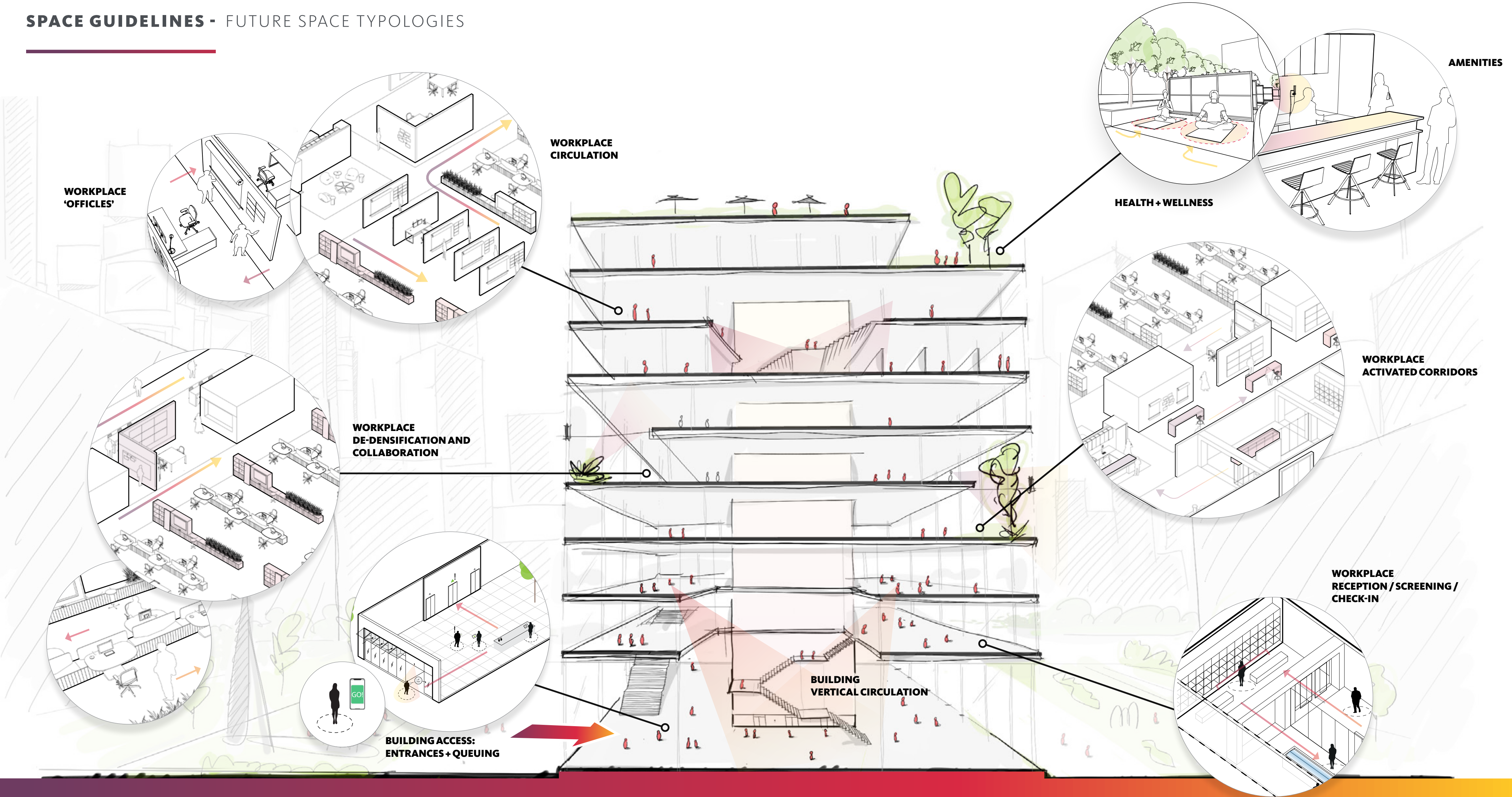


- Limit seating that would require people to directly face each other
- Designate physical distancing guidelines in pantry/kitchen/amenity areas

Workplace:
Outdoor Areas

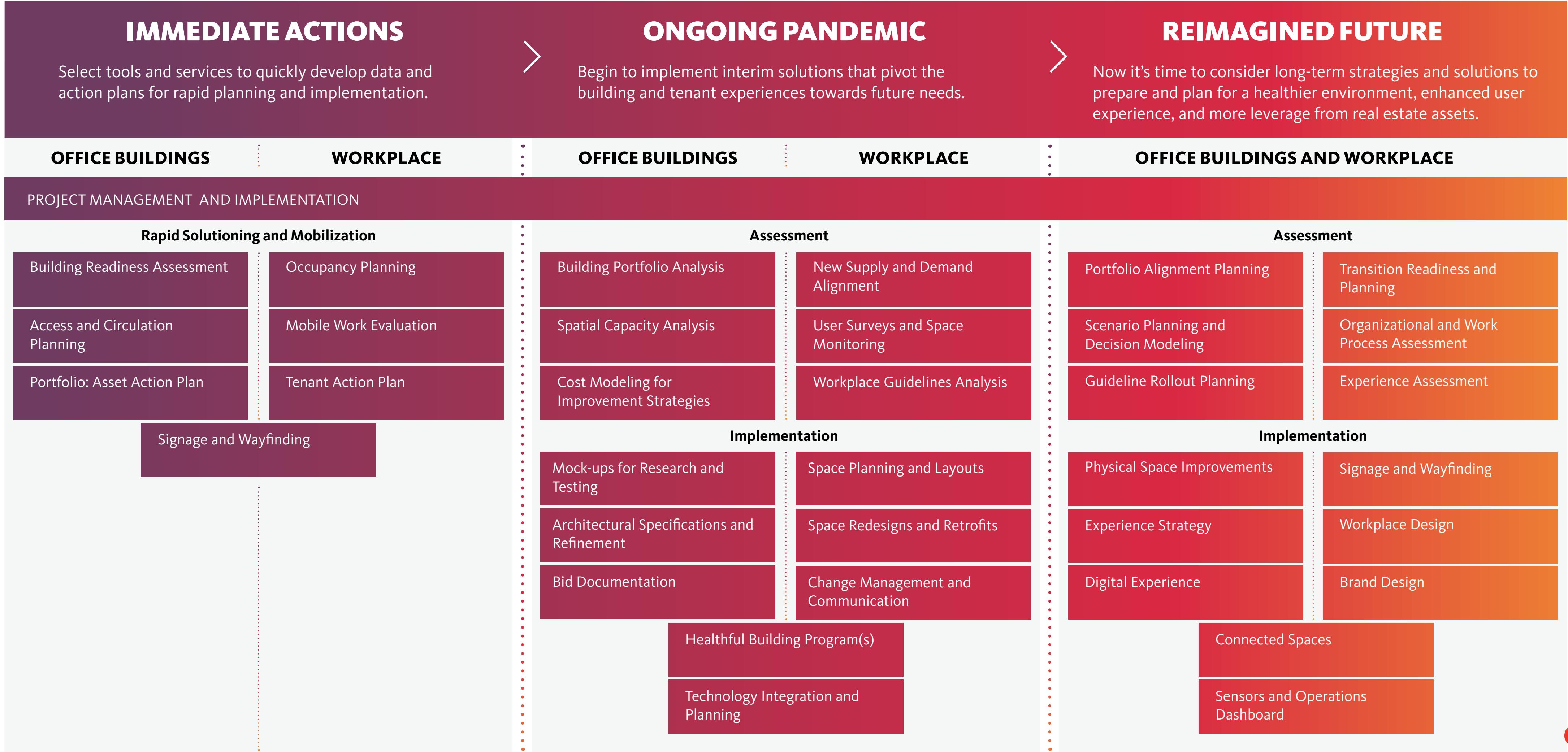


- Reconfigure to support physical distancing guidelines
- Limit seating that would require people to directly face each other



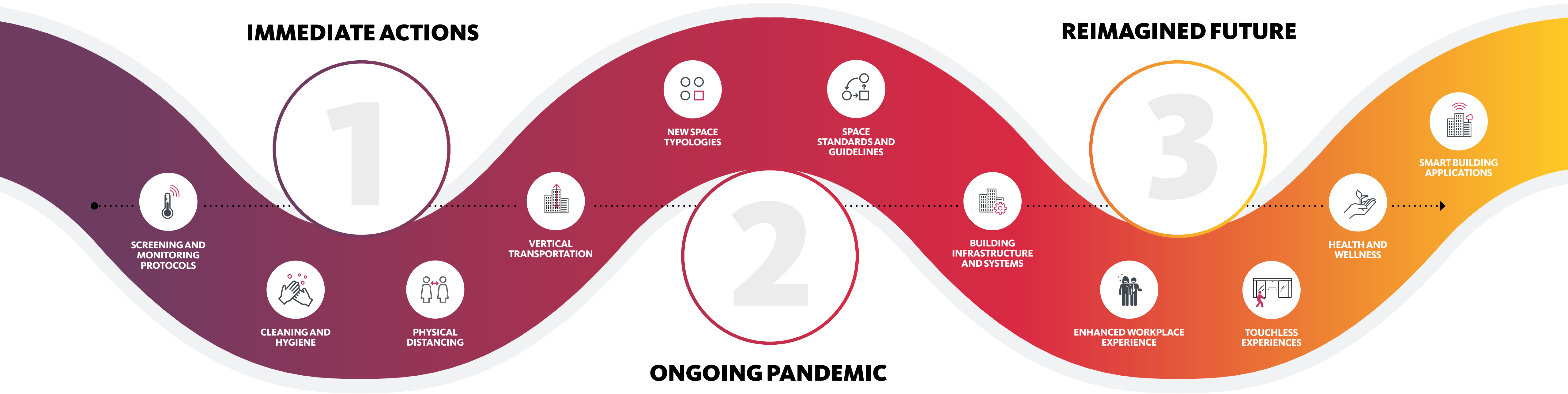
CHARTING THE PATH FORWARD

OUR SERVICES



PLANNING STARTS TODAY

FOR THE WORKPLACE OF THE FUTURE



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SOLVING CHALLENGES TOGETHER

REDEFINING THE FUTURE

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Understanding the
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Tips for Signage and Wayfinding in
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An Air Filtration Primer for
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Optimizing Office Building
Lobbies for Wellness



What Happens When We
Return to the Workplace