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## **Best practices for healthy buildings with Allen of Harvard**

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Joseph Allen, associate professor of exposure assessment science at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, joined the chapter to discuss his insights and research on healthy buildings. Allen believes that we have to force a collision between these two disciplines: Building science and health science. The indoor built environment (homes, offices, schools, hospitals, airplanes, laboratories) plays a critical role in our overall health, both due to the amount of time we spend indoors (~90%) and the ability of the buildings to positively and negatively influence our exposure. The goal is to improve the health of all people, in all buildings, everywhere, every day. He proposes moving from the term Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for businesses to Health Performance Indicators (HPIs) – making health explicit in all aspects of decision-making. Now with the introduction of COVID-19 and the spread of infection within the built environment it has become paramount and brought this concept to forefront. He provided our FMs with valuable information on proper HVAC filters, elevator protocols, and his insights on transmission and cleaning protocols and so much more. To watch the replay, visit: <https://youtu.be/DNEAgy9aRNA>.

Start Here: CFM Credentialing & Recertification Information Share

You studied hard, you put in the work, and you took the exam and have received your CFM--that's amazing! But now what? One of the most frequently asked questions from our members is how to earn continuing education credits for their CFM, how to log them, and how to complete recertification. We've got the answers for you! Rhonda Hager, team lead, credentials from IFMA International joined us to go through the whole process with our members and answered any questions they had—not only on how to obtain ones' credentials and/or certificates and then how to keep them re-certified. To watch the replay, visit: <https://youtu.be/-T49X-i2Fq4>

Save the Date: FMForward 2021

FMForward is IFMA Boston's annual conference which provides members with key strategies, technologies and best practices to help them navigate the ever-changing FM landscape.

The conference will include:

- The 18th Annual Awards of Excellence with keynote speaker.
- Two Facility Management Intensive Tracks – 1 hour sessions featuring local facility management practitioners and a preferred vendor partner discussing real-life solutions. Tracks include: Technology and COVID-19.
- Two Professional Development Intensive Tracks - 1 hour sessions with a speaker or panel bringing their expertise to our membership for personal and professional development. Tracks include: Leadership and Human Factors.
- Facility Tours (virtual and potentially live).
- Hybrid Gathering(s) dependent on state guidelines.
- FMForward Overtime - 1 hour roundtables each day for facility managers only to continue the discussion on topics of the day.
- Balance Breaks - 15-30 minute activity breaks throughout the week.

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