



THE IMPORTANCE OF VENTILATION VERIFICATION FOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Since the beginning of the pandemic, ventilation verification for Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) has become more important than ever, particularly in classroom settings and eldercare facilities, as young people and the elderly are among our more vulnerable populations.

- Properly functioning HVAC filtration and ventilation systems can go a long way toward reducing exposure to respiratory aerosols that carry the virus.
- SMART (International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers) technicians and SMACNA (Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association) contractors already possess the training, skills and certifications that make them ideally suited to perform this work correctly.
- Through ventilation verification, maintenance and repairs of existing HVAC equipment, qualified personnel can verify that systems are functioning as designed, establishing a baseline to help make buildings as safe as possible.
- The unionized sheet metal industry has been at the forefront of ventilation verification and IAQ well before the pandemic.
- For schools in particular, there are many benefits of properly functioning systems in addition to limiting exposure to all airborne viruses.
 - » Enhanced student performance through lowering of CO2 concentrations
 - » Energy efficiency and cost savings
 - » Comfort of occupants
 - » Overall health and safety
 - » Fewer sick days for students and teachers

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