

URBAN DESIGN UTAH WEBINAR: IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON CITIES + ARCHITECTURE

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Professor Jenny Roe will offer a broad perspective on what the current pandemic means for public life and public space and how we can leverage urban design to #buildbackbetter for physical, mental and social health and create healthier cities for a more resilient future.

Dr. Jenny Roe directs the [Center for Design & Health](#) in the [School of Architecture at the University of Virginia](#). She is an applied psychologist who specializes in understanding how access to restorative environments in our cities – including urban nature – create and sustain our health and wellbeing.



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Professor Schaeffer Somers will discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on urban architecture and streets, including a fresh look at William H. Whyte's *The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces*. Schaeffer will share insights gathered using his "Design Logics" tool, a diagrammatic approach representing health pathways in the built environment.

Schaeffer Somers is a registered architect and assistant professor in Architecture and Public Health at the [University of Virginia](#). Schaeffer's focus as an educator is training a new generation of architects, planners, clinicians, and policy makers to consider health and well-being in decisions that shape the built environment.



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Focusing on seven core concepts of health, the WELL Building Standard offers a framework to help improve health and well-being for everyone that visits, works in, or experiences a building. Laura will introduce the drivers of WELL, its value and application to practice, and its relevance in addressing current and future pandemics.

Laura is an architect and sustainability leader who specializes in creating healthy and vibrant spaces for communities. She believes that a sustainable project not only addresses environmental issues but also addresses long-term social and economic vitality.