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HVAC system operation in residential buildings during a pandemic

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# Infection control pyramid adapted from US Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

CDC. HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2015





# Temperate Climate – Heating Season – Natural Ventilation Semi-detached House with two levels – Trickle vents on windows and doors - Bedrooms on upper level



#### Bedroom CO<sub>2</sub> measurements

PAPER 1: Chandra Sekhar, Mariya Bivolarova, Mizuho Akimoto and Pawel Wargocki, 2020 – Journal Article under review

## Tropical Climate – Split-System AC unit High-Rise Residential Apartment



Window

## Master Bed-room in a condominium apartment (8th Storey)

**3.15 m** 

## Tropical Climate – Split-System AC unit High-Rise Residential Apartment



## CO2 concentration during measurement and night-time sleeping periods

**PAPER 2**: Sekhar, S. C. (2004). Enhancement of ventilation performance of a residential split-system air-conditioning unit. ENERGY AND BUILDINGS, 36(3), 273-279.



## Ventilation requirements for whole dwellings – ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2 (2019)

**PAPER 3**: S.C.Sekhar, Mizuho Akimoto, Xiaojun Fan, Mariya Bivolarova, Chenxi Liao, Li Lan and Pawel Wargocki 2020. Bedroom Ventilation and Sleep – A Review (article under preparation)



Design CO<sub>2</sub> levels in living rooms and bedrooms - EN 16798-1:2019



Design extraction air flow rates by room and building type - EN 16798-1:2019



Reported CO2 values in the literature for NV bedrooms across heating and cooling seasons



Reported CO2 values in the literature for MV bedrooms across heating and cooling seasons



Reported ACH values in the literature for NV bedrooms across heating and cooling seasons



Reported ACH values in the literature for MV bedrooms across heating and cooling seasons



Reported ACH values in the literature for whole dwelling across heating and cooling seasons - NV



Reported ACH values in the literature for whole dwelling across heating and cooling seasons - MV

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