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Post-pandemic Office Design: More than a Lounge Chair

Booth or table? Booth, always booth. We look forward to returning to restaurants, and we know that the return to the office is on the horizon. We also know that it will be different. Much like changes we saw after other national events, we will see lasting changes in the office

due to the pandemic. With current guidelines for social distancing, we look to how our furniture offerings may help facilitate quality meetings with team members, yet still provide needed separation. We also want to review what pieces may help ease staff back into the office.

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1. OFS — LeanTo

The LeanTo collection from OFS provides a great option to allow workers to get away from their desks. For those who have grown accustomed to working at home, this lounge piece offers office users a cozy escape from their desk. These boothlike pieces allow for independent work, or for a casual meeting setting with another person. Whiteboards can be added to the back for use in open plan areas for impromptu meetings. The height of this unit provides a nice division of space within an open plan office and provides a greater sense of privacy.

https://ofs.com/products/seating/lounge/leanto





2. Boss Design — Mango

As we shift back to working more in the office, we will see requests for different areas for seating. Think about how you worked at home. Changing spaces from home office, to kitchen, to sofa has become the norm. The Mango pod provides a creative workspace away from your desk and away from distrac-



tion. Equipped with multipositional writing tablet, and options for arm shelves and connectivity, these pods provide an alternate working area in your office environment.

https://www.bossdesign. com/us/product-list/ mango/



3. Arcadia — Iso Work Lounge

Zoom calls and Teams meetings will continue to be a part of our workspace as we move into 2021. Why mess with a good thing, right? Web calls allow more freedom in how people come back to the office. Continued flexibility of schedules will drive how we return to the office. Small meetings of two to four people can be accomplished with the high upholstered panels on this modular system from Arcadia. The Iso Work lounge pieces paired with high privacy surrounds can create an open, yet private meeting space within the office. Also available in single-user lounge chairs.





4. Tonik — GOBY

Since the start of COVID-19, CDC recommendations for health and well-being have included spending time outdoors. So why not take your phone call and your laptop to an outdoor space for much-needed fresh air. From Tonik, the GOBY lounge pieces are for outdoor and indoor use. All of the collections bridge the interior to the exterior, and many pieces feature illuminating options.

https://tonikworld.com/product/goby-lounge-chairs/





5. JSI — CAAV Lounge and Ottoman

With the return to the workplace, we want to remember to focus on ergonomics in the office. The high-panel walls of the CAAV lounge pieces from JSI provide a comfortable escape from your desk. Elevating feet on a footrest, like this ottoman, can help reduce back strain and provides a change of position during your day.

https://www.jsifurniture.com/series/products/caav

