



Chicago

**ULI Chicago's "Front Stoop Series"  
Healthy & Resilient Buildings in the Age of COVID  
June 4, 2020**

A Conversation With:

Mary Ludgin, *Senior Managing Director & Director of Global Investment Research*, Heitman LLC  
Billy Grayson, *Executive Director, Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance*, ULI – the Urban Land Institute

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, ULI Chicago members convened for the Front Stoop Series to discuss “Healthy & Resilient Buildings in the Age of COVID.” The discussion was led by Mary Ludgin, *Senior Managing Director & Director of Global Investment Research*, Heitman LLC and Billy Grayson, *Executive Director, Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance*, ULI – the Urban Land Institute. Mary and Billy discussed their time together collaborating on the ULI Heitman Climate Risk Report. [More information regarding the report can be found here.](#)

The 3 key take-aways from the discussion were the following:

1. The trend was moving towards healthier buildings prior to COVID and there will be a greater emphasize moving forward but there aren't analytics yet to quantify the impact of health and wellness on leasing and real estate.
2. Increased ventilation, reduced office density and more satellite/suburban offices are likely trends to address living with COVID.
3. More climate events are happening across the country which will impact portfolios, site selection and areas of economic growth.

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