

Calidad del aire en escuelas pre-, durante y post-pandemia



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PRE-PANDEMICS



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	INDOOR		OUTDOOR		UB REF. STATION	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
NO₂ ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$)	30	13	47	19	41	20
PM_{2.5} ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$)	37	16	29	24	17	8
N ($\text{pt}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$)	15625	6673	23614	9514	14665	6034
EBC ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$)	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.3	0.8

NO₂ outdoor levels for the rest of schools in Barcelona = 50 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$

- High levels of PM_{2.5} in schools → Local (school) emission of PM_{2.5}
- Mean levels of pollutants are intermediate between traffic and urban background sites

PRE-PANDEMICS

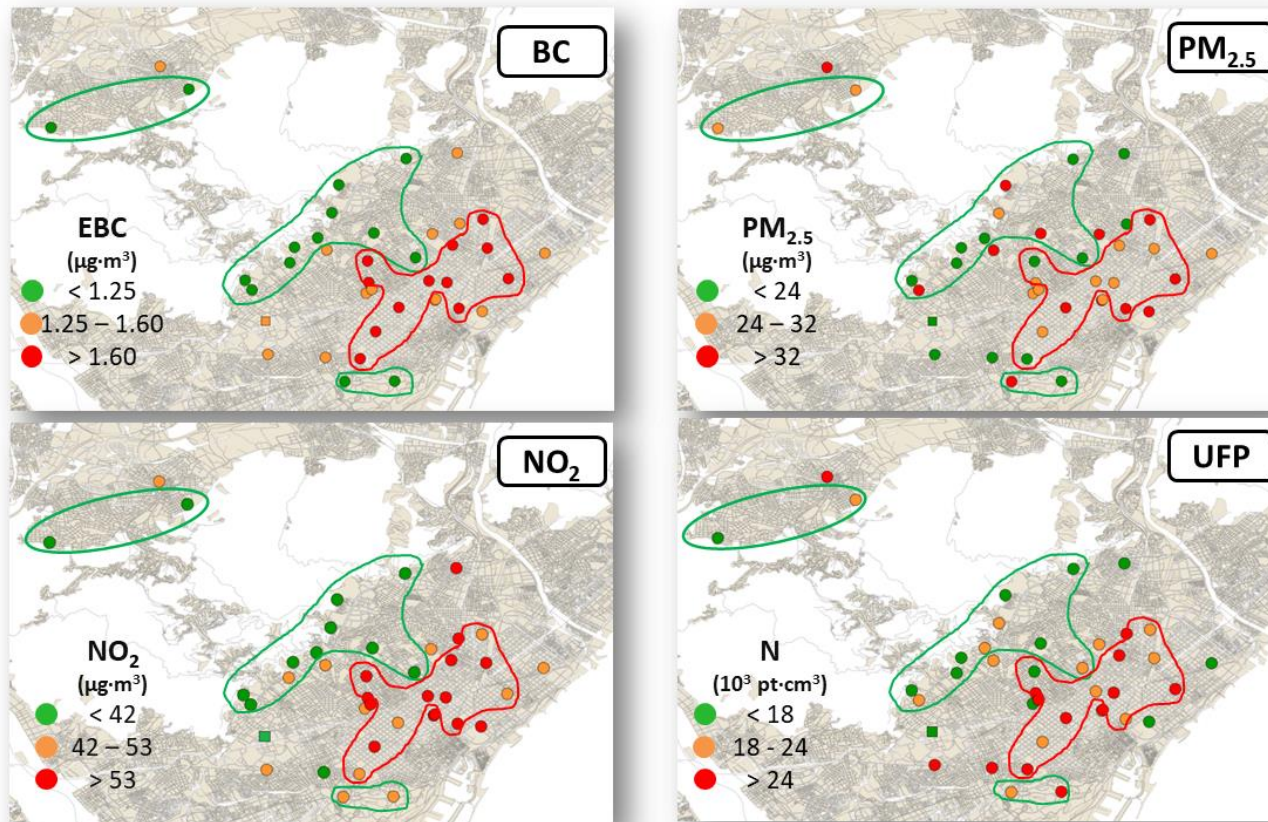
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OUTDOOR

○ BREATHE Schools

□ Reference Station

— Low EC levels perimeter
— High OUTDOOR

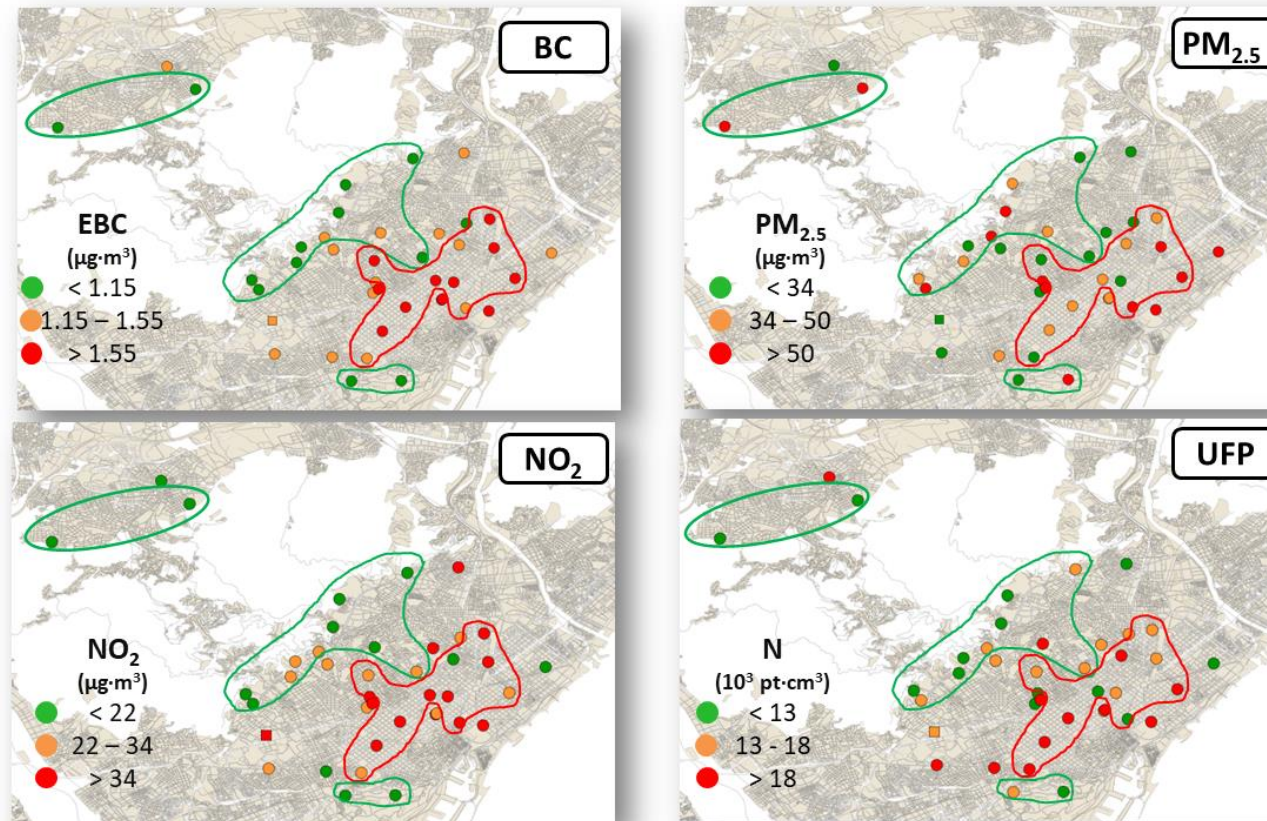


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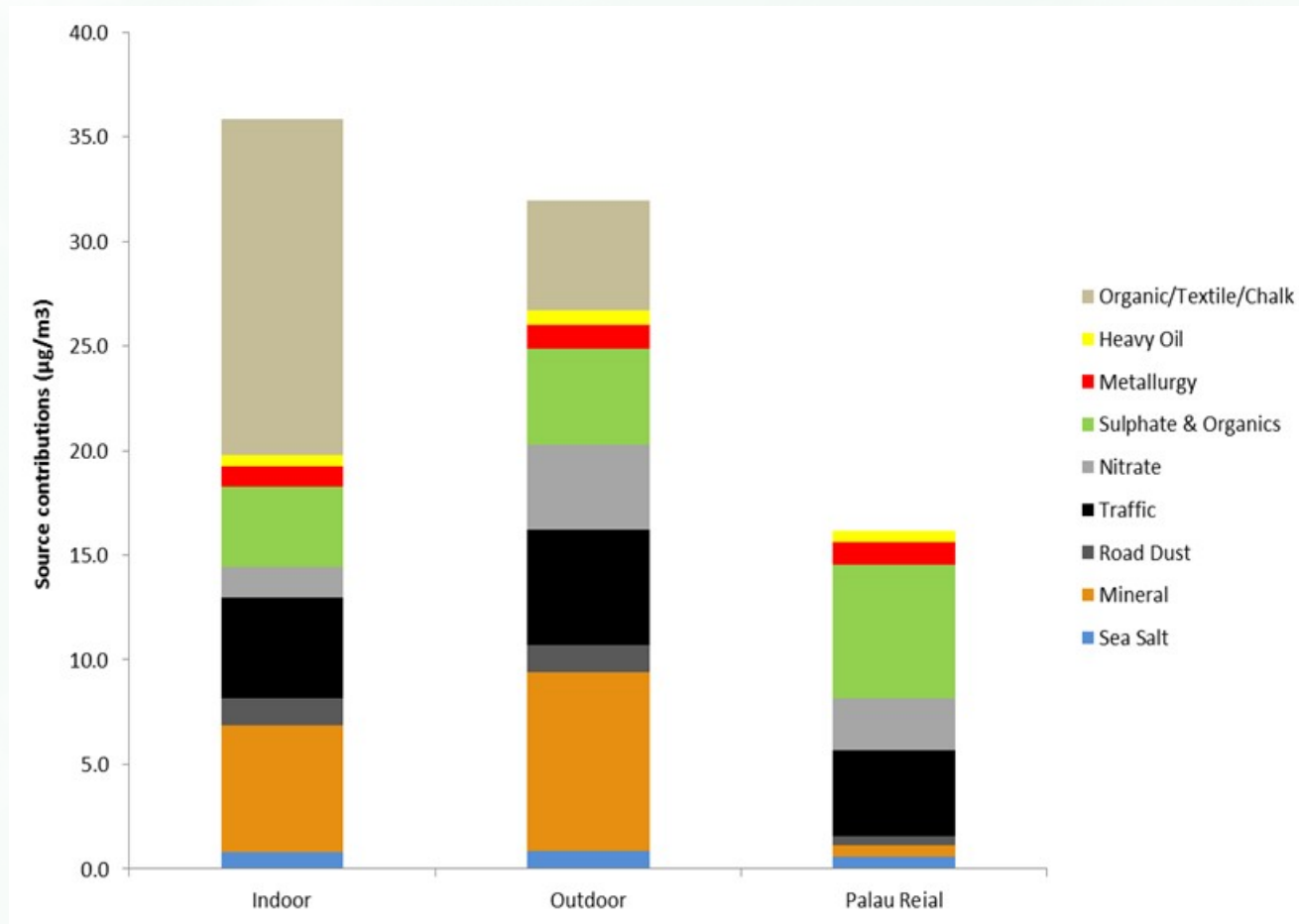
○ BREATHE Schools □ Reference Station — Low EC levels perimetre — High OUTDOOR



PRE-PANDEMICS

PM2.5 SOURCE APPORTIONMENT (POSITIVE MATRIX FACTORIZATION)

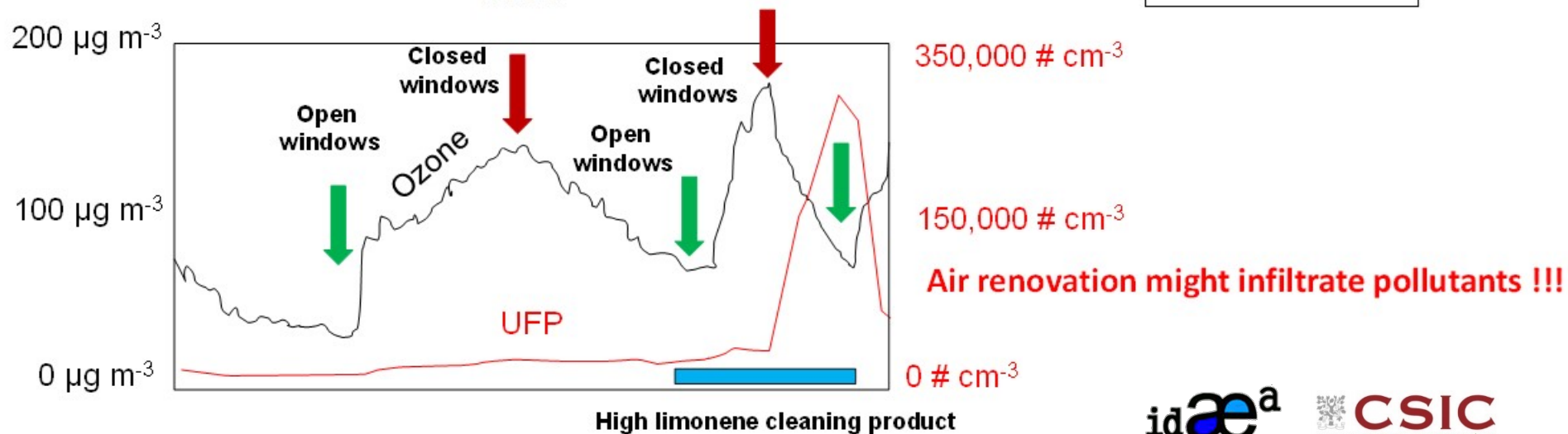
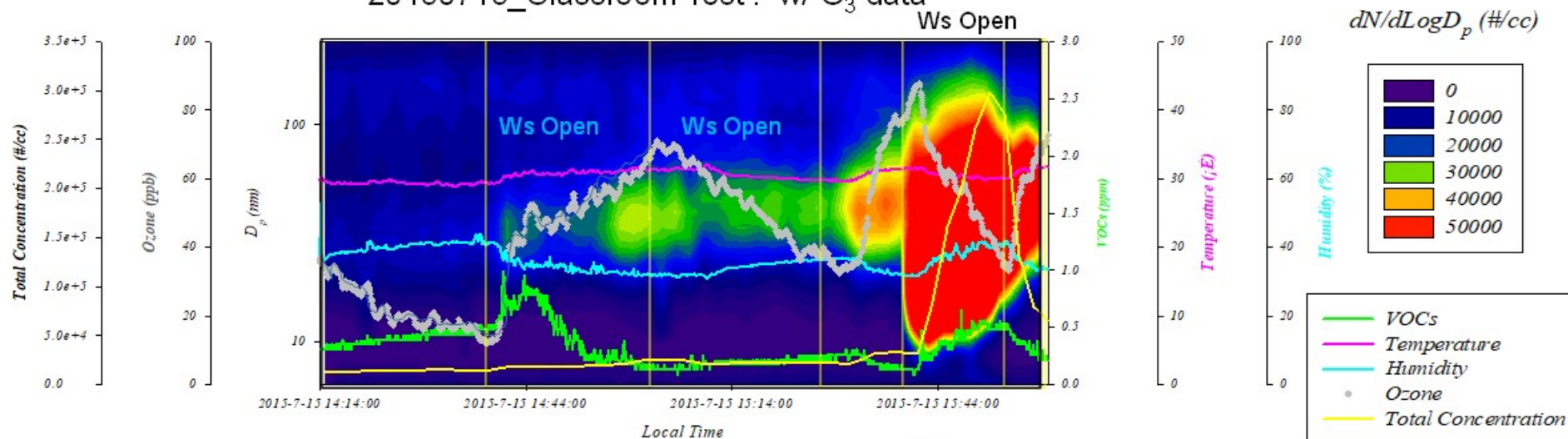
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PRE-PANDEMICS

INDOOR REACTIONS WITH EXTERNAL POLLUTANTS

20150715_Classroom Test : w/ O₃ data



HOW AVOIDING AIR FROM OUTDOOR INTRODUCING POLLUTION INTO CLASSROOMS?

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How to protect school children from the neurodevelopmental harms of air pollution by interventions in the school environment in the urban context

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ABSTRACT

Recently, there has been a flurry of publications assessing the effect of air pollution on neurodevelopment. Here we present a summary of the results obtained within the Brain Development and Air Pollution ultrafine particles in school children (BREATHE) Project, which aimed to evaluate the effects of the exposure to traffic related air pollutants in schoolchildren in Barcelona. To this end, we comprehensively characterised air quality in 39 urban schools from Barcelona and identified the main determinants of children's increased exposure. We propose a series of measures to be implemented to improve air quality in schools within the urban context and, consequently, minimise the negative effects on children's neurodevelopment that we found to be associated with the exposure to air pollution. We also aimed to list some of the actions pushed by governments and the society (including school managers, parents, and children) that have been taking place around Europe for promoting better high quality in the school and its surroundings.

HOW FAVOURING VENTILATION (INTRODUCING OUTDOOR AIR) OF CLASSROOMS?



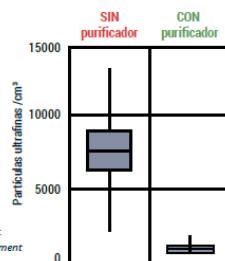
Ejemplo de purificación

- Variación de concentración de partículas ultrafinas en un gimnasio escolar con alumnos sin y con purificadores de aire con filtros HEPA.

Localización de los purificadores



Medidas reales en un gimnasio en Barcelona: Pacitto et al., 2020 Science of the Total Environment



En el ejemplo, hay dos purificadores de aire, con un caudal de 1200 m³/h cada uno en un gimnasio escolar de 270 m³ (100 m² * 2.7 m).

El caudal total es $1200 \times 2 = 2400 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$. La renovación de aire proporcionada por el conjunto de los dos purificadores es:

$\text{ACH}_{\text{purificadores}} = 2400/270 = 8.9$ renovaciones por hora.

Se observa disminución en la concentración de partículas en aire ambiente, susceptibles de contener virus.



Including calculations of risk of transmisión COVID19 by teachers or children

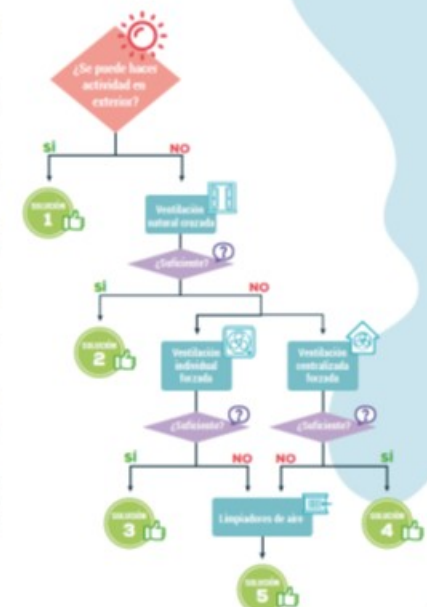
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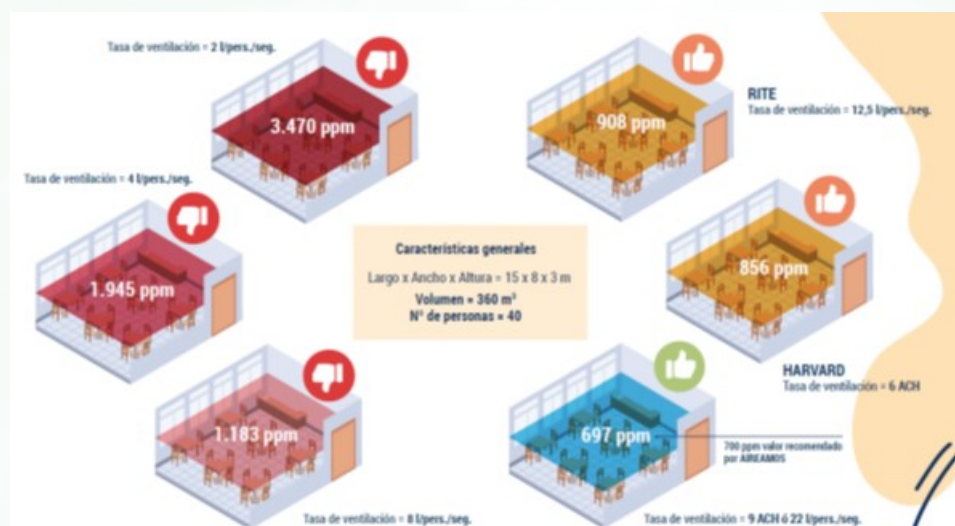
2. BÚSQUEDA DE SOLUCIONES

DIAGRAMA DE FLUJO PARA BÚSQUEDA DE SOLUCIONES

- Las actividades en exterior son siempre preferibles al interior.
- Si la actividad ha de ser en interior, es preferible en comedores con posibilidad de ventilación natural, especialmente ventilación cruzada (ventanas y puertas abiertas en lados opuestos).
- Si la ventilación natural no es suficiente, generalmente se puede conseguir ventilación utilizando equipos extractores o impulsores individuales con un caudal de aire adecuado.
- Cuando se dispone de sistemas centralizados de ventilación forzada, la tasa de aire exterior se debe priorizar y la recirculación se debe reducir.
- Cuando todo lo anterior no es posible o no es suficiente, se debe limpiar el aire con equipos provistos de filtros HEPA.
- La solución final puede ser una combinación de opciones, por ejemplo se puede combinar ventilación natural y purificación.
- Para evaluar si una configuración dada es suficiente hay que medir CO₂ y verificar que no sobrepasamos los niveles recomendados según número de comensales y caudal de ventilación (ver excel adjunto).
- El uso de mascarillas, el mantenimiento de la distancia y las medidas de higiene siguen siendo necesarias en todas las soluciones. En sobremesas es conveniente usar las mascarillas cuando no se consume.



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POST-PANDEMICS

- We need air renovation, not only to reduce the risk of transmission of flue, COVID,, but to reduce indoor pollution (VOCs, PM, CO,.....)

BUT

- In polluted environments (PM, NO₂ and O₃) air renovation standards have to be reached with clean air, both to reduce infiltration of pollutants and the generation of new pollutants indoor by interaction with O₃
- **Both risk of transmission and air pollution have to be taken into account**
- **Pre-pandemic, climate and energy policies favoured hermetically closed houses, with black roofs (solar panels); or hermetically closed e-buses with indoor air recirculation. Pandemics demonstrated the need of the fresh air, but also numerous indoor air quality studies.**
- **Post-pandemics: Finding the equilibrium and cleaning outdoor air for air renovation**

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