



# FALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

## **S2.7: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Affected and Changed the Air Filtration Industry**

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### **ABSTRACT**

In May of 2020, the Center for Disease Control announced, through the advice of ASHRAE, that public HVAC systems should utilize air filtration product with a minimum rating of MERV 13 in order to provide a safe indoor environment. This announcement coincided with the non-woven industry facing unprecedented melt blown material shortages due to their demand in the production of face masks, PPE and other critical hospital materials. These events have both stressed the air filtration industry throughout 2020 and are projected to impact the demand for higher efficiency filters for the foreseeable future.