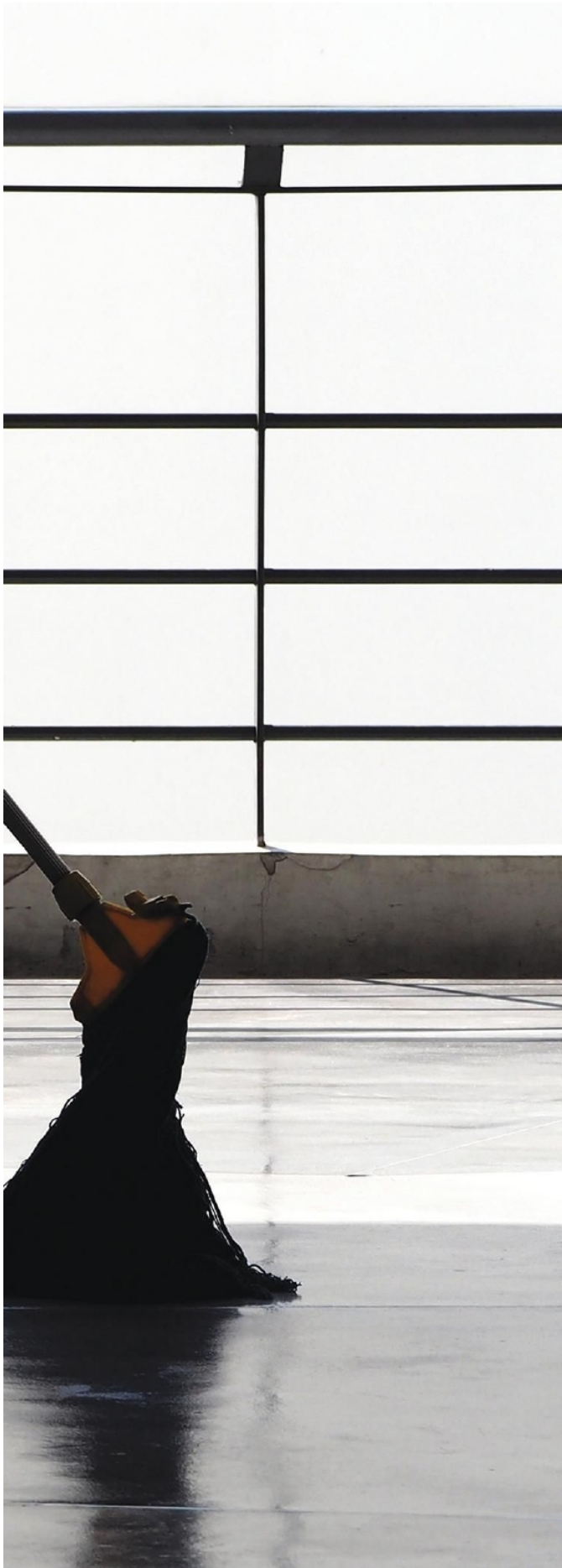




# WHY SEAMLESS FLOORING MAINTAINS A STERILE ENVIRONMENT

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Masks, protective barriers, and social distancing are the new status quo in businesses, schools, and other public facilities. As COVID-19 has everyone focused on making their environment safer, there's one area that might be overlooked: flooring. Carpeting, tile joints, and tile grout can harbor bacteria that continually gets released into the air from heavy traffic and use, but other types of flooring are more sanitary.

Do you know if your flooring is helping or hindering your sanitation efforts? Now is a great time to evaluate how your flooring can help create a more sterile, safer environment.

Beyond simple precautionary measures, some facilities are taking on larger remodeling projects to create more distance between staff, students, and visitors and improve the flow of people throughout their space. Another measure to take that will help increase safety and hygiene is to replace less-sanitary flooring with non-porous, seamless flooring.

### **Seamless Floors: The Ultimate Protection**

In areas of heavy traffic or that have a high potential for moisture or spills, seamless synthetic urethane and acrylic flooring provides the ultimate protection. A seamless floor has no intermediate joints, crevices, or porous material where harmful bacteria can collect. In the case where someone sneezes or coughs in your environment, bacteria or viruses can land on a synthetic floor, but it won't absorb into it. Unlike carpet or grout, which are notorious for holding germs and bacteria, seamless synthetic floors can be easily cleaned and maintained, keeping the floor sanitary and germ-free.

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