

Working Remotely

As the pandemic is waning, we are focusing on what's next for the workplace. Many are hoping to get back into the office. Well – hold your horses as the saying goes. I've mentioned in the past months that I thought that how we approached the post-pandemic workplace that things would be different.

Workplaces would be redesigned to accommodate social distancing. Ban the open workspace and welcome the new version of those dreaded cubicles aka plexiglass.

Another big change is the number of companies that are starting or increasing the opportunities for remote work. In the past few weeks, Bexar County, Texas announced that 50 percent of its IT department would continue working from home. Ford Motor Company also announced that a large portion of the corporate offices would continue working remotely. They would come to the office for meetings or similar requirements.

I think we've all adjusted to this work at home concept. However, we only thought of this as temporary. However, some of us have come to realize benefits. Love that commute along with the savings on gas and all the other costs that accompany keep that car in the garage. Cost of clothing has also been reduced. Yoga pants in various shades that only the cat and I can see. Slippers or sneakers for the feet. We only must work on business attire from the waste up.

There are some costs associated working at home. We must make sure that our equipment connections are at the best. Can't have that dreaded warning flash of weak internet connections. My pc battery died last summer at the worst time, during the lockdown. Creativity and a little pc bravado helped me through this crisis. I know that this comes as a surprise to my friends, aware that I am an absolute technophobe. We've learned about the best lighting and other requirements to survive Zooms and all the other web platforms through which we connect.

There are so many other things that we have learned as new skills and about ourselves in the past months. I encourage you to open your minds as we move to the "new" post-pandemic workplace. For those in a job search, research the marketplace, the companies, etc. to advantageously place your skills upfront in a competitive advantage. Your resiliency is your asset. Capitalize.

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