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## Public Proposal Period Opens for 2022 FGI *Guidelines* Documents

### Industry Participation is Vital

ST. LOUIS – Calling all users of the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) *Guidelines for Design and Construction* documents: FGI announces the public proposal period for the 2022 FGI *Guidelines* revision cycle. The proposal period opened on Wednesday, November 1, 2018, and will close at midnight on Sunday, June 30, 2019.

FGI's 2022 proposal period is the opportunity for industry experts to recommend changes to the 2018 edition of the *Guidelines for Design and Construction* of hospitals, outpatient facilities, and residential health, care, and support facilities. During the proposal period, FGI encourages all users of the 2018 *Guidelines* documents to suggest where *Guidelines* language could be improved for clarity or to better support clinical practices, infection prevention and control, and safe and effective patient and resident care.

For the 2022 revision cycle, FGI's online proposal/comment platform has been completely reimaged and restructured to streamline the submittal process and enhance the user experience. In addition, the new platform provides a means (through FGI's Beyond Fundamentals) for suggesting innovative ideas that go beyond the baseline FGI standards. Interested parties may submit proposals or Beyond Fundamentals suggestions using the platform, which can be accessed at [www.fgiguideines.org/revisions](http://www.fgiguideines.org/revisions). All submitted proposals are available for public review, and interested parties may submit opinions supporting or opposing any of them. All proposals, including opinions, will be reviewed by the 2022 Health Guidelines Revision Committee (HGRC), and those accepted by the HGRC will be incorporated in the draft 2022 *Guidelines* documents. In Summer 2020 the draft will be available for public comment on the proposed changes.

FGI urges all those involved in planning, design, and construction of health care and residential health, care, and support facilities to take advantage of the multiple opportunities to contribute to the development of the 2022 *Guidelines* standards, which are used by many states to regulate design and construction of these facilities. Public participation in the revision process is vital to keep the FGI *Guidelines* current with practices in the field.

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#### **About the Facility Guidelines Institute**

Founded in 1998, the Facility Guidelines Institute is a not-for-profit corporation founded to provide leadership and continuity to the *Guidelines* revision process. FGI functions as the coordinating entity for development of the *Guidelines* series of documents using a multidisciplinary, consensus-based process and for provision of ancillary services that encourage and improve their application and use. FGI invests revenue derived from sales of the *Guidelines* to fund research and the activities of the next revision cycle.

#### **About the FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction* Documents**

The FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction* documents are updated every four years to keep pace with new concepts, capabilities, and technologies in the delivery of health care. The *Guidelines* documents are used by states to regulate health care facility design and construction, through adoption of the *Guidelines* as code, as a basis for state-written codes, as an adjunct to state codes, or for reference. See the adoption map on the FGI website at [www.fgiguideines.org/state-adoption-fgi-guidelines](http://www.fgiguideines.org/state-adoption-fgi-guidelines) for details.

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