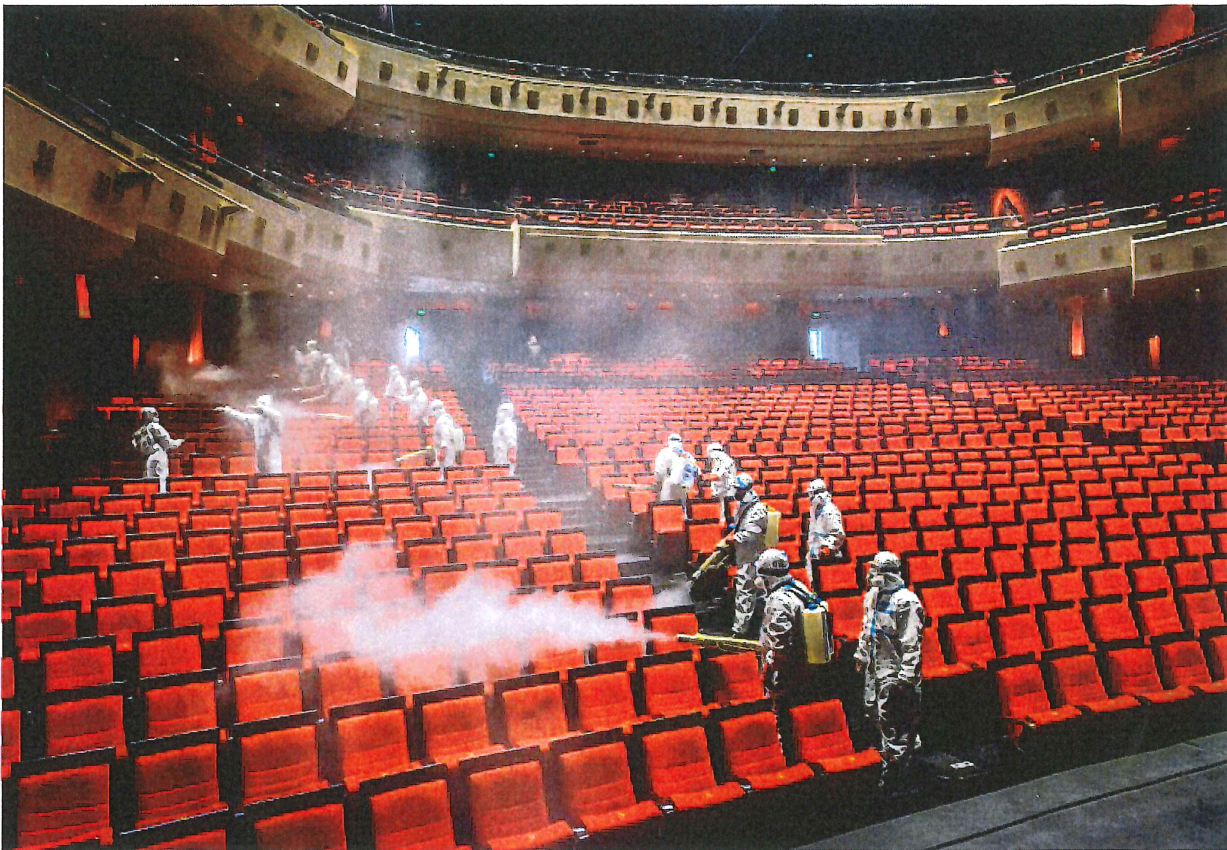


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Coronavirus is in the air — there's too much focus on surfaces

Catching the coronavirus from surfaces is rare. The World Health Organization and national public-health agencies need to clarify their advice.



A team disinfecting the Qintai Grand Theatre in Wuhan, China, in January. Credit: Xia Junjun/VCG/Getty

A year into the pandemic, the evidence is now clear. The coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 is transmitted predominantly through the air — by people talking and breathing out large droplets and small particles called aerosols. Catching the virus from surfaces — although plausible — seems to be rare (E. Goldman *Lancet Infect. Dis.* **20**, 892–893; 2020).

Despite this, some public-health agencies still emphasize that surfaces pose a threat and should be disinfected frequently. The result is a confusing public message when clear guidance is needed on how to prioritize efforts to prevent the virus spreading.

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