

# Put your trackpants away



## Time to head back to the office (soonish).



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As we pull the trigger on return-to-workplace, our team has been pondering: "What's going to be different?" and "Will Gerald from auditing still keep using my salad dressing without asking?"

The short answer is yes.

It will be different: staggered starts, dedicated kitchens and toilets, empty desks between you and your teammates, signs reminding you to sanitise for the 137th time today...

So how might you prepare?



# Know your game plan



It's likely not everyone will be back at once. Your team might take a shift-based approach, or nominate a full-time portion, while the rest continue at home.

Make sure you're clear on how best to work productively within your team.

# Check what's open and closed



Many organisations won't open change room facilities, meeting or collaborative settings, and cafes will have limited seating at best. So before you rock-up in your lycra and start making excuses...

# You shall not pass!

You might find movement in buildings has changed to one path in and out of spaces, or find stairs taped off. If you're someone who uses many locations, you'll need to allow for that.



# Stay connected



As you get back into your rhythm, remember that some of your co-workers are still at home. Do your bit to keep them feeling part of the team (think ZOOM yoga, virtual coffee breaks).

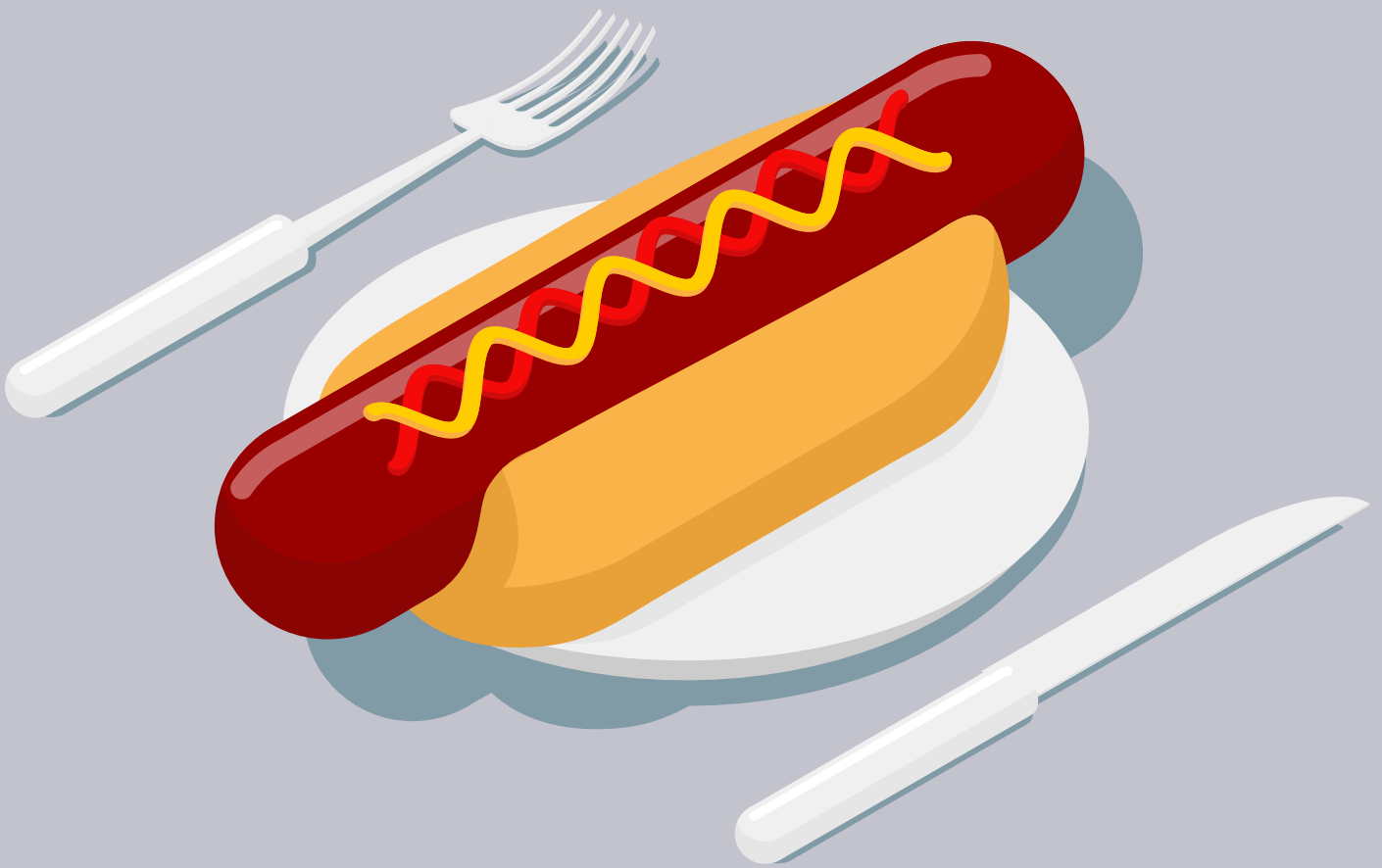
# Desks Tidy Terrys dream of...



You may be required to clear your desk each day so cleaners can disinfect.

This has positive health benefits and is a good way to mentally 'un-plug' at the end of each day.

# BYO cutlery. What the?



Given kitchens are typically a 'high-touch' area, many organisations might encourage quick food prep only, but ask you to eat elsewhere.

Check beforehand and be ready with that camping cutlery.



# Say thanks

While we know the regimes won't be everyone's cup of hand-sanitiser-laced-tea, spare a thought for the cleaners, concierge, security and building staff working double-time to keep you safe.

So say thank you! (And they might sneak you a toilet roll).




# Stay positive



It's going to be different, but it won't be forever, Trevor. Everyone adapts to change differently, be kind and patient with each other.

Don't fall back to old ways - remember the good habits you've formed during lockdown.

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If you have your own tip, or your organisation is taking innovative steps to ensure the return-to-workplace experience is safe and positive (as it can be) please do share!  
And Gerald? We're watching Gerald.  
Always watching.

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