



Portable dividers from Screenflex help make more efficient use of space while helping to prevent the spread of infection.



Screenflex uses a non-yellowing, lightweight, and highly impact-resistant acrylic to create its clear panels. Their plexiglass room dividers are three times as strong as double-strength window glass.

# Ask the Expert

How do clear room dividers help healing spaces?

In the late 1980s **Rich Maas'** brother was hit with an idea after spending years working as an architect, designing and building many churches. "Sometimes you simply need to split a large, open room into many smaller rooms for Sunday School or other ministries," he thought. So he decided to make durable portable room dividers, and the idea quickly caught on. From churches and schools to now hospitals and other health care centers, the well-built, made in the USA dividers from **Screenflex** were quickly in demand. We recently heard from Maas, now vice president of Screenflex, about the growing need for portable room dividers, especially clear options, in the health care industry and beyond.



Rich Maas, Vice President, Screenflex

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**Already a popular solution in health care**, Screenflex's clear dividers are even more in demand now that the world is focused on infection control. You can use clear room dividers when you need to contain any area and also need an unobstructed view of what's on the other side. If I'm in the hospital and I cough or sneeze, if there's a clear divider I will sneeze onto the panel instead of on or near a person or equipment. It may sound rudimentary, but it works, and all the while I can continue speaking with the physician. Screenflex offers a dozen product

lines in up to 38 colors. Our standard line is our most popular. Many medical facilities seek our Healthflex portable room dividers, as we apply an antimicrobial agent to the fabric. This same agent is built directly into the vinyl coverings we offer. Vinyl is also easy to clean. Our dividers also limit distractions and create quieter environments with sound-absorbing panels. They offer much needed separation in spaces, too. We're seeing hospital staff wanting to create division with vision. Major hospitals turn to us, too, including Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, who recently used our

room dividers to create more spaces for staff to check in privately with patients. Using Screenflex anyone can create a custom space quickly—something you wouldn't be able to do with more permanent but movable wall solutions in a large room with high ceilings. The benefits of our dividers are many, whether you're in a health care facility, school, or office building. The common thread is the efficient use of space. That's what we've been all about at Screenflex since we started in 1989—helping people make better use of their space in an easy, attractive, economical, and safe way.

Read more from Screenflex in the winter issue of gb&d, when **Maas explores the possibilities in office spaces.**