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Will coronavirus kill the traditional office as we know it?

As the coronavirus pandemic rages on, many **Canadians** continue to work from home because their workplaces don't allow for a minimum of two metres between employees — the **physical-distancing guidelines** recommended by public health.

5 The shift has majorly impacted organizations, and as a result, some — like Shopify — have decided to do away with the office completely.

Last week, the Canadian tech giant announced it will keep its offices closed until the end of 2021 to prepare for the company's permanent work-for-home reality. When those offices do reopen, most employees will continue to work from home...

10 Similarly, earlier this month, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey told his employees that offices would not reopen until at least ^{à la fin de} September, and even then, whoever wants to work remotely can do so "indefinitely." ^{avant septembre et le week-end} ^{- le travail à la maison}
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Is this the beginning of a cultural turning point? Laurent Lapierre, professor of workplace behaviour and health at the University of Ottawa, thinks it's possible, but we won't know for sure until more companies make the same move.

15 "I think it's going to take a lot more than just a few organizations (to say) you're working from home ... (but) that's going to be, I would imagine, a hard sell for many employers and employees," Lapierre said.

Whether a company without a central workspace can succeed is the ultimate question.

20 "There are many reasons to expect that forcing people to work from home more ... than they would prefer can cause significant problems downstream¹," Lapierre said.

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¹ downstream = later