# VISUALIZING CLIMATES AND HUMIDIFICATION TO FIGHT PANDEMICS

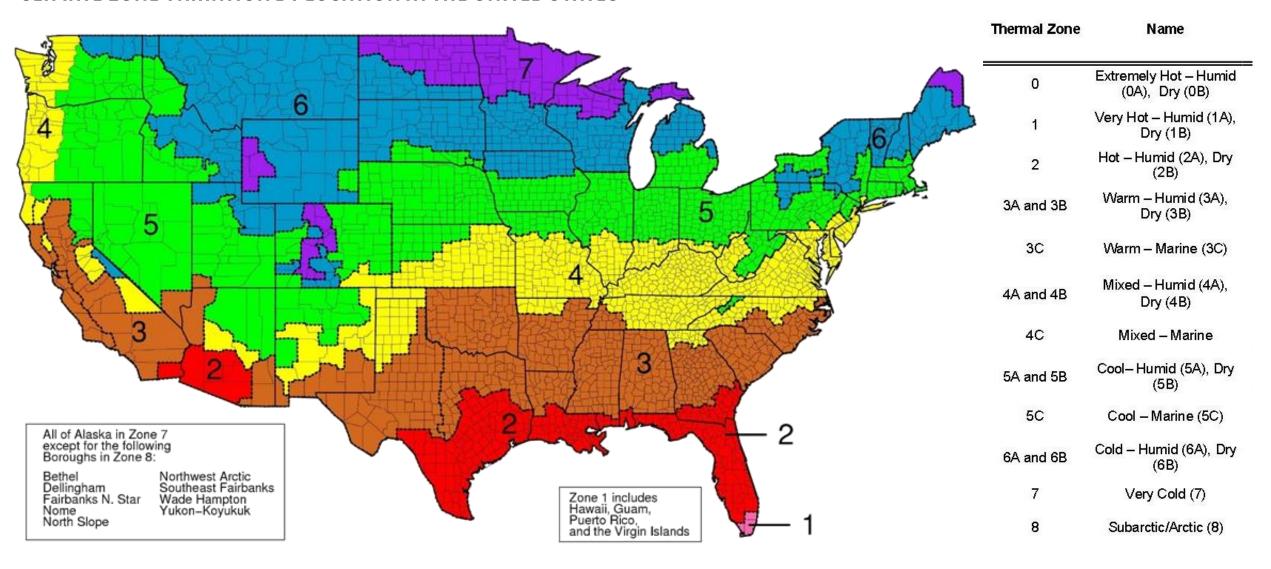
RELATIVE HUMIDITY PROFILES FOR US CITIES BASED ON ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONES

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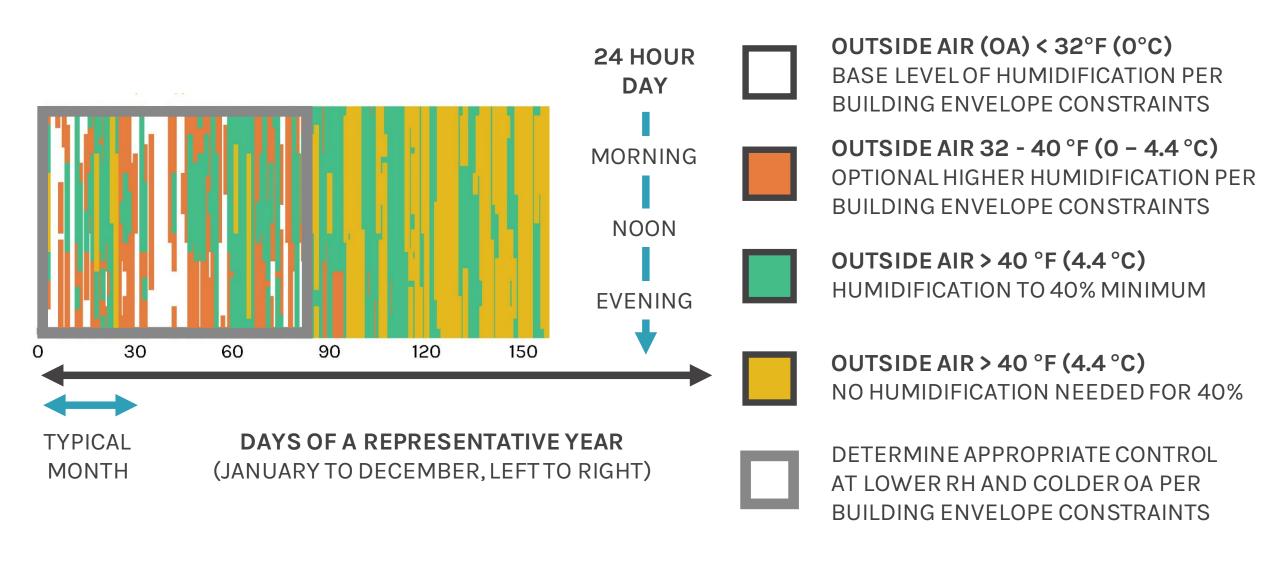
### ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONES AND ASHRAE STANDARD 169-2013

CLIMATE ZONE VARIATION BY LOCATION IN THE UNITED STATES



### VISUALIZING RELATIVE HUMIDITY OPERATION BY LOCATION

RELATIVE HUMIDITY NEEDS VARY GREATLY BY LOCATION AND ELEVATION



### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 1A**

# VERY HOT - HUMID MIAMI, USA

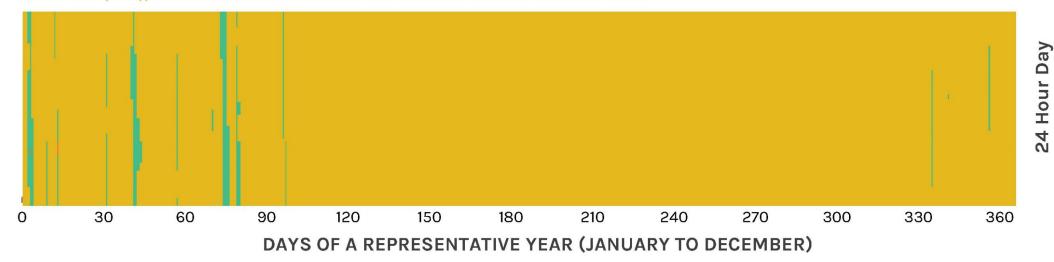
OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 0% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 0% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 4% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 96% OF DAYS PER YEAR

MIAMI, USA
7 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
LATTITUDE: 25.8 / LONGITUDE: -80.27



\* PER BUILDING ENVELOPE CONSTRAINTS

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY REQUIRES
   DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM LIMITED AND MAY PROCLUDE ITS INSTALLATION
- MINIMAL POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM MAY NOT BE VIABLE GIVEN ITS LIMITED USE

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### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 2A**

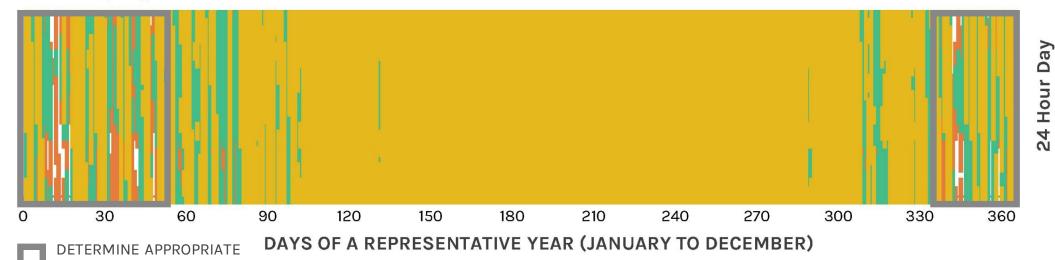
### **HOT-HUMID**

### HOUSTON, USA

OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 2% OF DAYS PER YEAR I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 4% OF DAYS PER YEAR I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 15% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 79% OF DAYS PER YEAR

HOUSTON, USA 108 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 29.98 / LONGITUDE: -95.37



#### **OBSERVATIONS**

CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

- CONSISTENTLY ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY REQUIRES DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM IS LIMITED TO LATE FALL THROUGH EARLY SPRING
- LOW POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT **RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS** 

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CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM FOR LATE FALL TO EARLY SPRING

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 2B**

**HOT - DRY** 

### PHOENIX SKY HARBOR INTL AP, USA

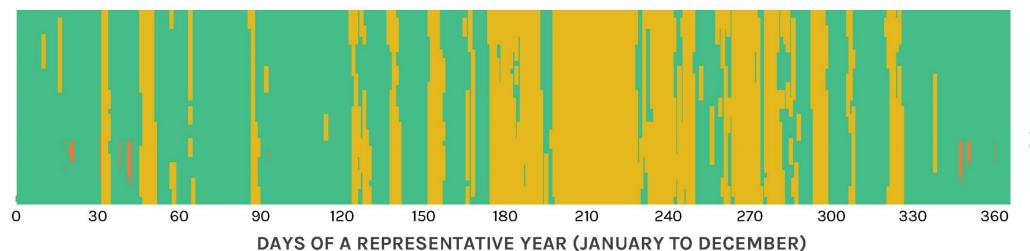
☐ OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 0% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 1% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 68% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 31% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Phoenix Sky Harbor Intl Ap, USA 1105 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 33.45 / LONGITUDE: -111.98



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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY DRY CONDITIONS WITH SHORTENED PERIODS OF ELEVATED HUMIDITY PRIMARILY IN SUMMER
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- LOW POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE YEAR

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 3A**

### WARM - HUMID

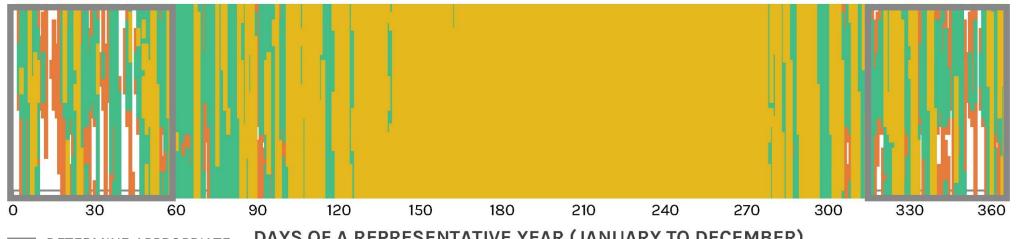
### ATLANTA, USA

OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 6% OF DAYS PER YEAR I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 8% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 25% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 61% OF DAYS PER YEAR

ATLANTA, USA 1033 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 33.65 / LONGITUDE: -84.43



**DETERMINE APPROPRIATE** CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

DAYS OF A REPRESENTATIVE YEAR (JANUARY TO DECEMBER)

\* PER BUILDING ENVELOPE CONSTRAINTS

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY REQUIRES DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM IS LIMITED TO FALL THROUGH SPRING
- SOME POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT **RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS**
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

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### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 3B**

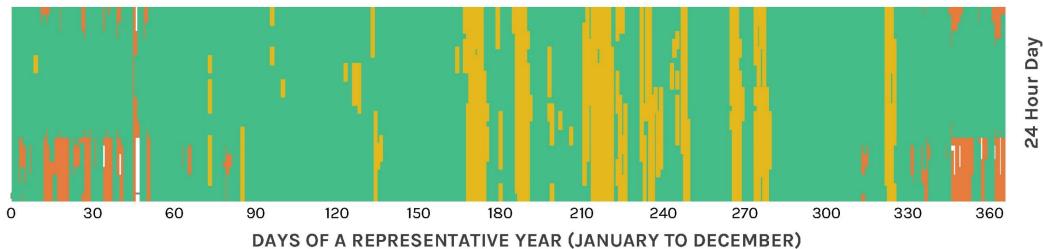
### WARM - DRY

### LAS VEGAS MCCARRAN INTL AP, USA

OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 1% OF DAYS PER YEAR

- I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* 6% OF DAYS PER YEAR
- I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM 82% OF DAYS PER YEAR
- I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN 11% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Las Vegas Mccarran Intl Ap, USA 2125 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 36.08 / LONGITUDE: -115.15



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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY DRY CONDITIONS WITH SHORTENED PERIODS OF ELEVATED HUMIDITY PRIMARILY IN SUMMER
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- LOW POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT **RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS**
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

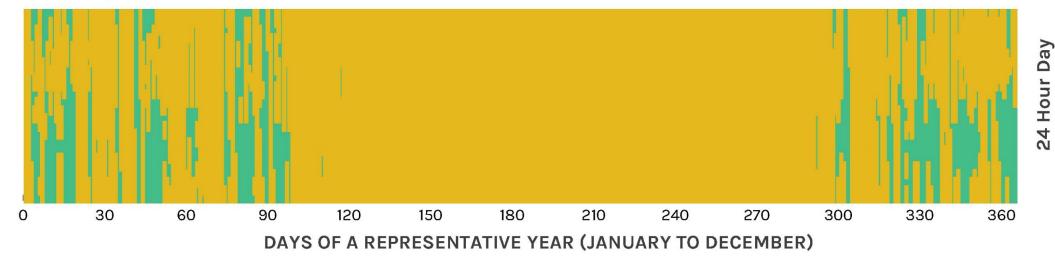
### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 3C**

### WARM - MARINE

### LOS ANGELES INTL AP, USA

OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 0% OF DAYS PER YEAR I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 0% OF DAYS PER YEAR I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 19% OF DAYS PER YEAR I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 81% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Los Angeles Intl AP, USA 98 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 33.933 / LONGITUDE: -118.4



#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY REQUIRES DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM IS LIMITED TO LATE FALL THROUGH EARLY SPRING
- MINIMAL POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT **RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS** 

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CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM FOR LATE FALL TO EARLY SPRING

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 4A**

### MIXED - HUMID

### **NEW YORK – KENNEDY INTL AP, USA**

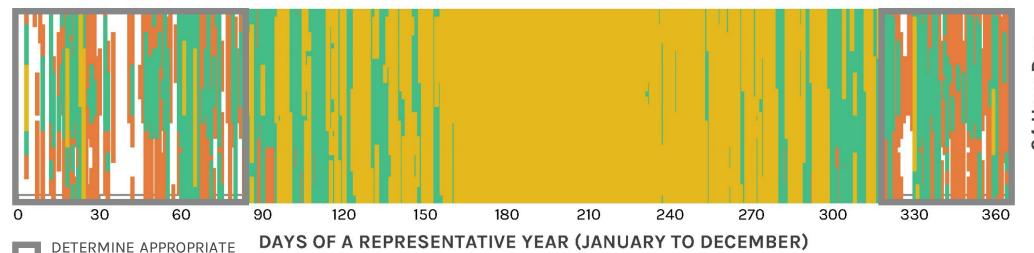
OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 10% OF DAYS PER YEAR

1 OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 15% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 29% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 46% OF DAYS PER YEAR

New York-Kennedy Intl AP, USA 16 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 40.65 / LONGITUDE: -73.8



#### **OBSERVATIONS**

CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

- ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY IN SUMMER/FALL REQUIRES
   DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM IS LIMITED TO FALL THROUGH SPRING
- POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

 PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS

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PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40%
 MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 4B**

### MIXED - DRY

### **ALBUQUERQUE INTL AP, USA**

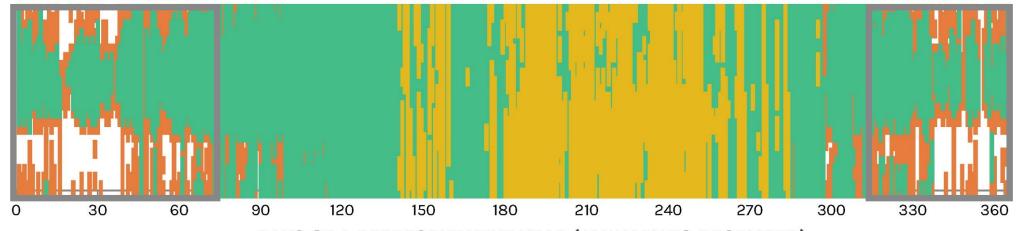
OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 10% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 13% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 55% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 22% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Albuquerque Intl Arpt Isis, USA 5310 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 35.04 / LONGITUDE: -106.62



DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

DAYS OF A REPRESENTATIVE YEAR (JANUARY TO DECEMBER)

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY DRY CONDITIONS WITH SHORTENED
   PERIODS OF ELEVATED HUMIDITY PRIMARILY IN SUMMER
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40%
   MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 4C**

### MIXED - MARINE

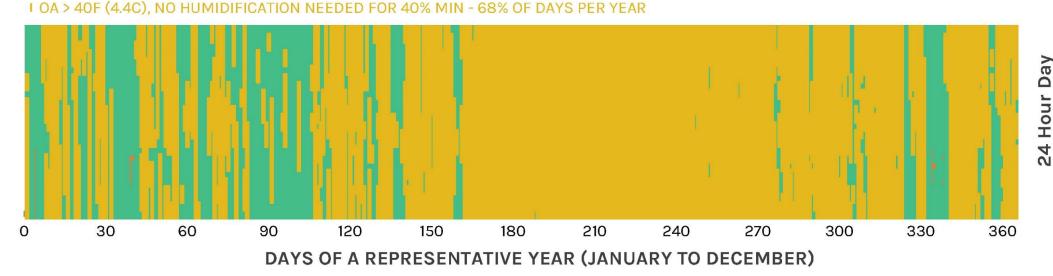
### SAN FRANCISCO INTL AP, USA

OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 0% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 0% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 32% OF DAYS PER YEAR

San Francisco Intl AP, USA
7 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
LATTITUDE: 37.617 / LONGITUDE: -122.4



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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY REQUIRES
   DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM IS LIMITED TO LATE FALL THROUGH EARLY SPRING
- MINIMAL POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40%
  MINIMUM FOR LATE FALL TO EARLY SPRING

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 5A**

**COOL - HUMID** 

### CHICAGO OHARE INTL AP, USA

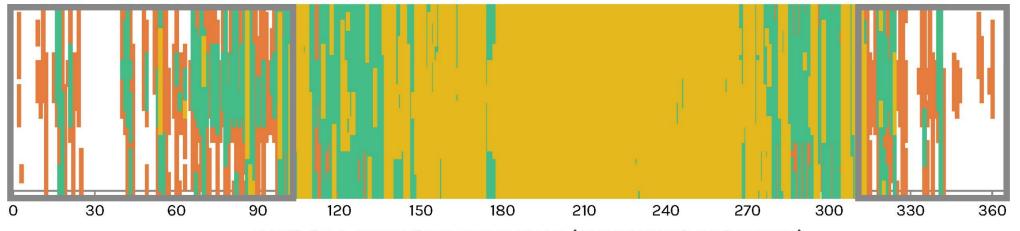
OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 22% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 13% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 22% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 43% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Chicago Ohare Intl Ap, USA 659 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 41.98 / LONGITUDE: -87.92



DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

DAYS OF A REPRESENTATIVE YEAR (JANUARY TO DECEMBER)

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY IN SUMMER REQUIRES
   DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM IS LIMITED TO FALL THROUGH SPRING
- EXTENDED PERIODS OF FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 5B**

COOL - DRY

### **DENVER INTL AP, USA**

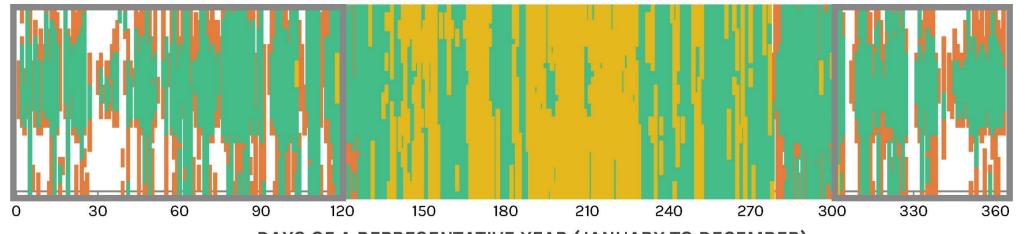
OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 19% OF DAYS PER YEAR

OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 14% OF DAYS PER YEAR

OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 48% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 19% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Denver Intl Ap, USA 5412 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 39.83 / LONGITUDE: -104.65



DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY DRY CONDITIONS WITH SHORTENED
   PERIODS OF ELEVATED HUMIDITY PRIMARILY IN SUMMER
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- REGULAR PERIODS OF FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40%
   MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 5C**

### COOL - MARINE

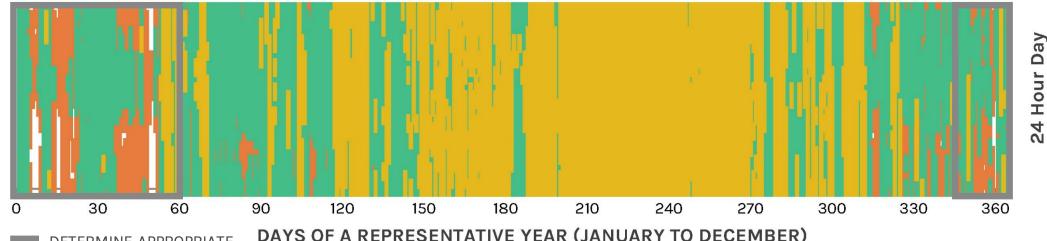
### SEATTLE-TACOMA INTL AP, USA

OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 2% OF DAYS PER YEAR I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 12% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 42% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 44% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Seattle-Tacoma Intl AP, USA 400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 47.443 / LONGITUDE: -122.306



**DETERMINE APPROPRIATE** CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY REQUIRES DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION IS LIMITED TO **FALL THROUGH SPRING**
- SOME POTENTIAL FOR FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT **RELATIVE HUMIDITY (60%) OR LESS**
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 6A**

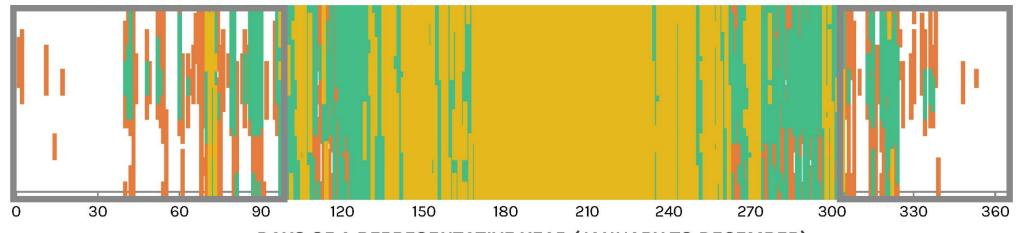
**COLD - HUMID** 

### MINNEAPOLIS ST PAUL INTL AP, USA

OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 31% OF DAYS PER YEAR

- I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* 11% OF DAYS PER YEAR
- I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM 23% OF DAYS PER YEAR
- I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN 35% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Minneapolis St Paul IntL Arp, USA 833 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 44.88 / LONGITUDE: -93.23



DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY IN SUMMER/FALL REQUIRES
   DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM IS LIMITED TO FALL THROUGH SPRING
- EXTENDED PERIODS OF FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40%
   MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH
   OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 6B**

COLD - DRY

### **HELENA REGIONAL AIRPORT, USA**

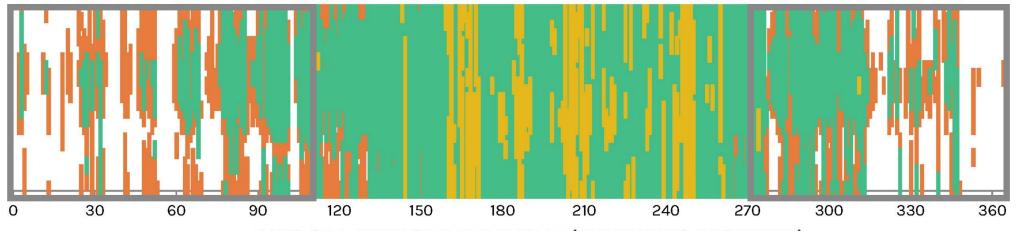
OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 28% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 16% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 49% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 7% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Helena Regional Airport, USA 3828 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 46.6 / LONGITUDE: -111.97



DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- CONSISTENTLY DRY CONDITIONS WITH LIMITED PERIODS OF ELEVATED HUMIDITY PRIMARILY IN SUMMER
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- EXTENDED PERIODS OF FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- PROVIDE HVAC SYSTEMS THAT MAINTAIN UPPER LIMIT RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 60% OR LESS
- PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM TOGETHER WITH ABILITY TO REDUCE WITH OA TEMPERATURES BELOW 40 °F (4.4 °C)

### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 7**

### **VERY COLD**

### **DULUTH, USA**

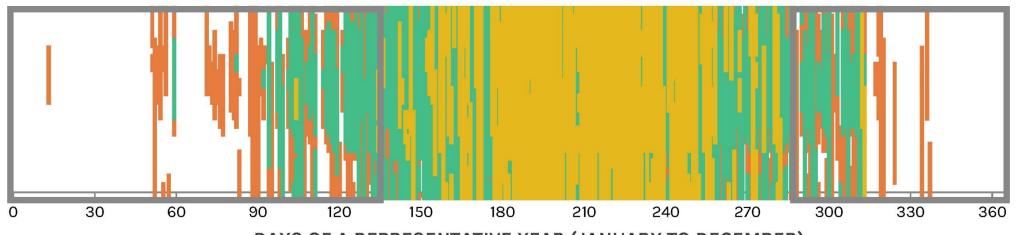
□ OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 40% OF DAYS PER YEAR

- I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* 11% OF DAYS PER YEAR
- I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM 24% OF DAYS PER YEAR
- I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN 25% OF DAYS PER YEAR

DULUTH, USA

1417 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

LATTITUDE: 46.83 / LONGITUDE: -92.18



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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY IN SUMMER REQUIRES
   DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40%
   MINIMUM IS PRIMARILY LIMITED TO FALL THROUGH SPRING
- EXTENDED PERIODS OF FREEZING IN THIS CLIMATE

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **ASHRAE CLIMATE ZONE 8**

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### FAIRBANKS INTL AP, USA

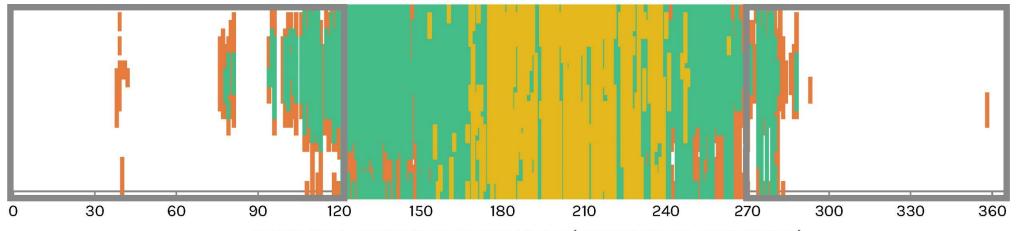
OUTSIDE AIR (OA) < 32F (OC), BASE LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 51% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA = 32F-40F (OC-4.4C), OPTIONAL HIGHER LEVEL OF HUMIDIFICATION\* - 7% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% MINIMUM - 27% OF DAYS PER YEAR

I OA > 40F (4.4C), NO HUMIDIFICATION NEEDED FOR 40% MIN - 15% OF DAYS PER YEAR

Fairbanks Intl Arpt, USA 436 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL LATTITUDE: 64.82 / LONGITUDE: -147.85



DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CONTROL AT LOWER RH\*

DAYS OF A REPRESENTATIVE YEAR (JANUARY TO DECEMBER)

\* PER BUILDING ENVELOPE CONSTRAINTS

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

- ELEVATED OUTDOOR HUMIDITY IN SUMMER REQUIRES
   DEHUMIDIFICATION TO LOWER INDOOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HUMIDIFICATION TO 40% RH MINIMUM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
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