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## **Minnow Provides Residential Buildings and Workplaces a Safer, No-Contact Food Delivery Solution in Response to COVID-19**

*Works Seamlessly with all Restaurant and Food Delivery Services  
to Ensure Food is Delivered More Safely and Securely*

Seattle, WA – March 19, 2020 – [Minnow](#), a venture-backed IoT startup, has announced that its IoT-enabled food delivery and pickup stations (called [Pickup Pods™](#)) can provide residential buildings, workplaces, and other businesses with a safer, no-contact way to manage food deliveries and pickups in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Food deliveries to residential buildings and workplaces are increasing as restaurants are only offering delivery or takeout and as people avoid unnecessary contact through 'social distancing'. Delivery services are responding by offering no-contact delivery, in which the delivery worker leaves the food on the consumer's doorstep. That approach isn't well suited to residential buildings and workplaces, where leaving unattended food in lobbies puts a burden on office and property managers that could become unmanageable as the volume and frequency of food deliveries increase.

### **About Minnow Pickup Pods**

A Minnow [Pickup Pod](#) takes up less than three square feet of floor space and can be installed anywhere. It requires only a standard 120V electrical outlet and can operate on either a WiFi or cellular network. Each Pod consists of cubbies that are individually insulated to keep food fresher longer and secure to prevent theft and tampering. Since Pods require no integration with food delivery apps, tenant experience platforms, or restaurant point-of-sale systems, any food delivery service or restaurant can deliver to a Minnow Pod. They also use less electricity than a 60W light bulb and are silent. It takes less than an hour to install a Pod.

The company is also adapting its Pods to sterilize food containers and cubby interiors using its patent-pending UV light technology, which at the proper frequency and intensity is proven to kill bacteria and viruses. UV light is currently used in many food-related applications and is considered safe for food use.

Minnow's Pickup Pods can be used in office buildings, co-working spaces, hospitals, schools, colleges, corporate campuses, residential buildings, assisted living communities and other locations where food is delivered. When food is delivered to a Minnow Pod, the consumer will receive a notification and can pick up the food at their convenience. Until then, it will be kept in a secure, insulated cubby. To pick up their food, a consumer simply uses their smartphone to tap a hyperlink embedded in a text message; Minnow Pods have no touch screens or keypads that can spread virus particles. The cubby doors open automatically.

Minnow has been field testing its Pickup Pods in Portland, Oregon since May 2019. Over 4,000 orders have been delivered to and picked up from Minnow Pods located in office buildings in Portland. "Our technology has been tested and proven in a real-world environment," said Steven Sperry, CEO of Minnow.

"The coronavirus global pandemic is changing daily life around the world," added Sperry. "We'll be dealing with this for some time to come. Minnow's solution can help employers and property managers keep their employees and tenants safer by avoiding unnecessary contact during food deliveries. Minnow's Pickup Pods can also help keep restaurant and food delivery workers safer by enabling them to deliver food securely and without being exposed to a consumer who may be ill."

If you are an employer or residential property manager and you would like to learn how Minnow's IoT-enabled Pickup Pods can provide your employees or tenants with a safer, no-contact food delivery experience, visit [minnowpod.com](http://minnowpod.com).

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### **About Minnow**

Minnow is a venture-funded startup that is building a network of IoT-enabled food delivery and pickup stations (called Pickup Pods™) to provide affordable, convenient, and safer food delivery. Minnow's delivery and pickup platform provides residential buildings and workplaces with a state-of-the-art food amenity, while enabling food delivery services and restaurants to provide their customers with a safer and more convenient food delivery experience. To learn more, visit [minnowpod.com](http://minnowpod.com).