The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19

Protecting Against COVID-19

The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance, a public-private partnership, was created to repurpose and retool equipment to manufacture personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline healthcare workers and first responders and to permanently strengthen supply chains. It will coordinate with state, regional, and national efforts to promote speed and efficiency.

Things to know about the initiative:

- It brings together manufacturers and health care providers, JobsOhio, the Department of Administrative Services, Development Services Agency, Department of Health (ODH,) and other agencies to address the need for PPE in Ohio in a collaborative way.

- The current focus is on knocking down barriers to providing much-needed PPE and connecting manufacturers with the information, materials, and engineering expertise they need to repurpose and retool quickly.

- Some manufacturers already are making PPE, but the demand is so high that more companies, of all sizes, are needed to participate.

- The challenges of repurposing and retooling to make protective equipment are vast. It would normally take nine months to a year to get ready to launch a new product. Through collaboration, the Alliance will help manufacturers launch new products within weeks.

- The Ohio Office of Budget and Management has approved $5 million for the initiative. PPE will be purchased from manufacturers for the ODH stockpile and distributed to healthcare providers.

- Manufacturers must meet production retooling, product timing, quality, and quantity criteria to participate and will be asked to complete an Invitation to Bid.

- Manufacturers can visit repurposingproject.com to learn more. There is a short survey on the site to complete before getting started. Questions can be sent to repurposingproject@ohiomfg.com.
To prepare to do business with the state, manufacturers can sign up and register as a supplier on the Supplier Portal at supplier.ohio.gov. For assistance, contact Ohio Shared Services at 1-877-644-6771 or ohiosharedservices@ohio.gov.

FAQs on the Alliance can be found here. FAQs on working with the state as part of this project can be found here.

DAS also is procuring various types of needed PPE from Ohio, other domestic, and international sources to help meet the needs of Ohio healthcare providers. If you have ready-made PPE products to sell to the state, please send an email to together@governor.ohio.gov.

Offers of donated PPE items also can be sent to together@governor.ohio.gov or, for small quantities, please contact your local emergency management agency (EMA). A list of local EMAs can be found here: https://webeoctraining.dps.ohio.gov/ohiocountyEMADirectorList/countyemalist_web.aspx.

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword “4HOPE” to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to find resources in your community.
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Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

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STAY HOME
PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING
GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS
WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)
DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS

COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING
AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES
CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN
CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR
PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

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