



Putting healthcare workers first during the coronavirus outbreak

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At 3M, we are fully committed to fight the spread of COVID-19 by supporting healthcare workers in

“This pandemic is affecting us all, and we are doing all we can to support public health and especially health crisis. We are mobilizing all available resources and rapidly increasing output of critical supplies to meet the world need to help protect their lives as they treat others,” said Mike Roman, 3M chairman and chief

In the United States, more than 90% of our respirators are now designated for healthcare workers, with this pandemic, including energy, food and pharmaceutical companies.

On Tuesday, March 31, [Mike shared in a LinkedIn post](#) how we’re continuing to work to get product out counterfeits and curb price gouging on our products.

“We continue to act with urgency to address this crisis from every angle and do all we can to protect [previously communicated](#), beginning in January we ramped up to maximum production of N95 respirators per year, or 100 million per month. This includes 35 million per month in the United States, and over just respirators to healthcare facilities in states across the country,” Mike said.

Supporting emergency response and addressing supply concerns

We’ve already put into motion additional investments and actions that will enable us to double our capacity in the next 60 to 90 days. In June, we will begin to produce N95 respirators at a rate of 50 million per month in June, a 40 percent increase from current levels.

The company is also maximizing production of a wide range of other products used in the COVID-19 and filtration solutions as the pharmaceutical industry works to find a vaccine to fight the virus.

Of our U.S. supply of N95 respirators directed toward healthcare and public health, roughly 80 percent is primarily consisting of six large and well-known companies with incredible logistical capabilities – we are working to get those supplies into the hands of workers. These N95 respirators are moving directly from 3M, to our users. We are working closely with these partners to expedite delivery even more, which in some cases is in critical areas – as we have done over the last week to New York City and Seattle. The remaining 20 percent of the largest portion going to FEMA who will allocate based on their determination of the most urgent need. These respirators are being coordinated in close partnership with FEMA, and we are directly embedded with FEMA in making and action.

This is not just a 3M challenge; it’s an industry-wide challenge. Even with 3M’s accelerated production, the reality is that demand for N95 respirators is much higher than the industries’ ability to deliver. That is why we are providing solutions to help protect our healthcare workers in this extraordinary time.

Given the high use rate of N95 respirators, 3M engineers are right now collaborating with several ste clean, reuse and extend the life of these respirators.

Additionally, we are **partnering with Ford** to bolster production of 3M's powered air purifying respira equipment used in the most demanding healthcare environments. We're moving forward quickly wit the next 60 to 90 days.

Curbing counterfeits and pro teering

3M also **continues to act on reports of counterfeiting and price gouging** related to our respirators. Th to end it. A week ago, Mike **sent a letter to the U.S. Attorney General** and the attorneys general of ev prices for respirators in this crisis, and offering our assistance in the fight against unconscionable act

We're actively working with law enforcement, our retail partners and others to identify and punish pe inflated prices, today we are publicly publishing the **list prices for our N95 respirators and activating authenticity of 3M products and report suspected fraud**. We've also made it clear to our channel par will aggressively pursue third parties that seek to take advantage of this crisis.

People are our priority

Our highest priority is the safety of our people and the public.

3M is grateful for the efforts of employees around the globe who are working hard to maintain opera our customers treat and help protect people – including those in our plants and distribution centers w they're desperately needed. We continue to prioritize the safety of our people and do all we can to s distancing and robust protocols for cleaning in our plants.

Early on, 3M restricted international travel that was not deemed business critical and supplied emplo take to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 – as well as the actions they should take if they becom

3M has also responded through donations to local and global humanitarian agencies.

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