

MANUFACTURERS CAN PARTNER WITH HOSPITALS

Hospitals are running low on personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect their health care workforce who are treating patients with COVID-19. During this public health crisis, manufacturers have an opportunity to support their local hospitals in producing this life-saving equipment. Here are five steps for partnering with your local hospital to produce surgical masks and shields.

- Review the pattern and specifications for producing PPE. Determine if your factory can be retooled to produce surgical masks and/or shields. The pattern is available at www.aha.org/100MillionMasks.
- 2. Learn about your hospital's or health system's needs. Reach out to leaders at your local hospital to learn more about their PPE needs and how your company can help.
- 3. **Source materials for PPE.** You likely do not have the materials on hand to make PPE. Work with your local hospital to learn about what materials you can use and how to access them. Be creative and innovative about how to make it work.
- **4. Ensure the products meet quality, safety and sanitization standards.** Work with your hospital partner to ensure the products are produced in a way that meets quality, safety and sanitization standards before they are shipped to the hospital.
- **5. Deliver the PPE to your hospital partner.** The need for PPE is immediate and will be ongoing. Work with your hospital partner to identify how to get the masks and shields to your providers.

Please visit these websites to learn more:

AHA.ORG/100MILLIONMASKS

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