



Green Chemistry & Commerce Council

MEMBER UPDATE

Members of our GC3 community continue to come together across the globe to help meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and we are proud to highlight some examples below. Please continue to send your stories about how your organization is making a difference – we will share these stories every week until things return to normal.

We also realized there may be companies looking for ways to contribute. For information on what's currently needed in the US, we encourage you to visit the FEMA website which has [information on how to help](#). On the website, under private sector section, you will find information such as:

- To sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, email specifics to covidsupplies@fema.dhs.gov.
 - To donate medical supplies or equipment, please [provide FEMA details](#) on what you are offering.
 - If you are a private company that wants to produce a product related to the COVID response – email nbeoc@max.gov.
 - For non-medical supplies, services or equipment, if you are interested in doing business with FEMA, visit FEMA's [Industry Liaison Program](#).
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GC3 Members in Action

BASF

In March, BASF [committed to produce hand sanitizer at its Ludwigshafen, Germany facility](#), and to donate the product to hospitals in that region. In Michigan, the [BASF Coatings division is partnering with General Motors to donate hand sanitizer and PPE supplies](#) to Detroit-area hospitals.

Defunkify

A laundry detergent designed by Defunkify, a member of the GC3 Startup Network, [contains an enzyme that's effective at de-activating and removing coronavirus](#) from clothing and fabric.

Dell

Dell is [donating at least \\$4 million to help hospitals in China, and other front-line organizations around the world](#), address current pandemic needs, and to better prepare for future outbreaks. They are also matching employee donations to the CDC Foundation's Emergency Response Fund up to \$10,000 per employee.

ExxonMobil

ExxonMobil is [keeping supplies of critically needed isopropyl alcohol flowing](#) to manufacturers and areas of the country most in need, addressing the urgent demand for use in products like medical hand sanitizers, alcohol wipes and disinfectant sprays

Johnson & Johnson

Johnson & Johnson has announced [a lead vaccine candidate for COVID-19](#), and a goal of eventually distributing one billion doses worldwide. The company has [also pledged \\$50 million to support front-line health workers](#).

Steelcase

Steelcase is [producing and distributing thousands of masks, face shields, and social screens](#) to help protect patients and medical personnel. Steelcase is using its plants, model shop and innovation center to rapidly develop solutions that will be distributed to medical facilities.

Shaping International Policies to Support Safer, More Sustainable Chemicals

In addition to the wide array of programs and projects offered through the GC3, members of our UMass Lowell-based team also work closely with government agencies across the globe, as well as private sector, academic, and non-profit stakeholders. They have been pioneers in the fields of alternatives assessment and informed substitution, creating the first professional society for the field, the Association for the Advancement of Alternatives Assessment. They also focus on shifting governmental approaches from compliance to incentivizing innovation, and work to develop policies and policy paradigms that effectively support the development and adoption of safer, more sustainable chemicals, materials, and products.

Most recently, the team of Joel Tickner, Molly Jacobs, and Lindsay Pollard worked with Health Canada on a landscape analysis of resources that currently exist in Canada that industry can leverage when developing and adopting more sustainable chemicals, processes, and products. The research follows on earlier efforts to provide advice to the Canadian government that could shape chemicals substitution policies as part of its post-2020 Chemicals Management Plan.

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