

Dear Healthcare Colleagues,

During this unprecedented, challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to honor and support the healthcare workers that are making a difference every day. It is the first responders, doctors and nurses, and all of those behind the scenes in hospitals, including cleaning and maintenance staff, who deserve our utmost thanks and appreciation for their unrelenting strength and resilience.

With the number of COVID-19 cases continuing to rise, the focus on infection prevention and enhanced safety within hospitals is crucial. As my colleague, Caitlin Stowe, clinical research manager at PDI Healthcare, explains in this informative piece, there are key company-wide best practices to follow to ensure hospitals are properly protected. This includes establishing comprehensive cleaning and disinfecting protocols, utilizing proper equipment and products, and maintaining adequate supplies.

As we have all witnessed, the most critical and valuable ingredient in infection prevention is the human element. Hospitals and healthcare facilities need to support their entire healthcare team. This crisis is not going away quickly, and we need to sustain these frontline heroes. Make sure they are physically and mentally healthy, and above all, keep them protected and safe.

Now is the time for hospitals and healthcare facilities to focus on a layered approach to infection prevention, including hand hygiene and personal protection equipment, as well as implementing rigorous surface and equipment disinfecting processes. Managing the supply chain and having honest discussions with distribution partners is also a key element to ensure adequate supply of critical products, such as masks, cleaning supplies and life-saving equipment, during this time of heightened demand.

We are all in this together. With a focus on best practices for infection prevention to protect patients and our healthcare professionals, we can safeguard our communities. Our thoughts and gratitude remain with all of those on the frontlines as we all forge ahead.

Stay safe and healthy,

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Infection risks are everywhere. So are we.



For more info go to pdihc.com/tracking-2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/

¹ https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2 ©2020 PDI PDI03202074

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