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B&O donates 722 pounds of hand sanitizer to major Boston, Mass. hospital in response to COVID-19 pandemic



Following World Health Organization's guidelines for making hand sanitizer, B&O taps their supply chain to donate hundreds of pounds of hand sanitizer to front line workers.

(Fall River, Massachusetts, April 17, 2020.....) Bolger & O'Hearn, known for developing innovative specialty chemicals for the global textile industry, is manufacturing and donating hundreds of pounds of hand sanitizer to regional organizations on the front line fighting the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, B&O donated 722 pounds of hand sanitizer to Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School. The donation is the equivalent of 3,610 individual 4.6 ounce containers of sanitizer and will be distributed as needed by the hospital.

The donation was made at 2 pm at Brigham and Women's Hospital's main campus at 75 Francis Street in Boston, Massachusetts. BWH is ranked as one of the top 13 hospitals in the United States and is playing a key role fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in New England. Kelly Murphy, Co-President of Bolger & O'Hearn was there with B&O's Sales Manager, Shawn Honeycutt, and Senior Technology Manager, Frank Keohan, to make the donation to the Brigham.

Bernard Jones, Chief of Staff to the Chief Operating Officer & Vice President, Public Policy for Brigham and Women's Hospital accepted the donation. Jones is the Liaison Officer for the hospital's COVID-19 Incident Command.

Last week, B&O donated 202 pounds of hand sanitizer to the city of Fall River, Massachusetts,

for use by Fire Department personnel and other front line responders in that area. Bolger & O'Hearn has been located in Fall River since 1969.

"Bolger & O'Hearn is a long established business here in Massachusetts and we see this as a small role we can playing helping our community during the pandemic," said Murphy. "This is a time for all of us to pull together and do what we can to help others, save lives and support those who are risking their lives to save ours. It's the least we can do."

The hand sanitizer being manufactured by B&O follows the World Health Organization's recipe and strict FDA labeling requirements. B&O is registered with the FDA to make hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

B&O has plans to continue sourcing materials, as they can, to manufacture and donate hand sanitizer to front line workers in New England.

Bolger & O'Hearn is helping to fight the COVID-19 pandemic on other fronts, as well. This includes working closely with other leaders of the US textile industry to develop medical textiles and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, gowns, bed coverings, hospital room drapes and more.

"In particular, we are seeing a high demand for [Medical/Stormproof/Breathable OmniBloq®](#), a durable water repellent (DWR) we developed for high-end performance apparel brands that surpasses industry standards for water and soil repellence," said Murphy. OmniBloq® provides resistance to fluid penetration, splatter and soils and a higher level of barrier protection for both woven and nonwoven textiles than standard industry DWR's.

Bolger & O'Hearn is known and respected throughout the industries it serves as a trusted partner and developer of innovative, highly-effective chemical products. A bluesign system partner, B&O is also known for developing chemical products based on environmentally-compliant materials and technologies. Most of their chemistries are water-based, and Bolger & O'Hearn strives to continually improve the health, safety and environmental profiles of the chemistries they develop.

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