



THBI Newsletter

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

THBI is actively communicating and working with elected officials, state agencies, industry partners and Texas entities to ensure the state of Texas is on the forefront of combating coronavirus, and taking proper action to keep the state safe during the global outbreak. We will be providing our partners regular updates on how our industry is responding to the epidemic.

Updates from the Texas Legislature

Governor Greg Abbott has led the creation of a Supply Chain Strike Force guiding collaboration between the public and private sectors to ensure health care facilities have the supplies and resources they need to respond to COVID-19.

The Strike Force needs your help to secure necessary large quantities of critically-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) items such as masks (N95 and/or surgical), respirators, ventilators, gowns, and gloves. If you have readily-available supply or can quickly produce large quantities of critically-needed items, please complete the State's procurement form: <https://texas.gov/form1.html>.

If you would like to have other impact by providing other readily-available items that can assist our medical and public health professionals, please complete the State's volunteer and donation assistance form: <https://texas.gov/form4.html>.

For more information on the State's efforts related to COVID-19, please visit <https://texas.gov/#covid19>.

Texas' Response

A New Texas COVID-19 Pandemic Toolkit Shows the Importance of Social Distancing

Since 2012 a pandemic-planning tool developed by researchers at The University of Texas at Austin has helped public health officials plan for the consequences of a deadly and virulent virus. Now the pandemic modeler who developed the toolkit is studying COVID-19 and has built a new model to project the spread of COVID-19 across the U.S.

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Stay Connected

THBI has published a COVID-19 page on www.thbi.com for helpful resources and an archive of the THBI COVID-19 email updates.



Resource Center

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

At TWC, the health and well-being of our employers, employees and communities is our top priority. We understand the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and are committed to being responsive to the needs of our customers.

[TWC Resource Center](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

DSHS is responding COVID-19 outbreak that originated in Wuhan, China. For prevention tips, symptoms, traveler information, and healthcare provider resources, see our COVID-19 website.

[DSHS Resource Center](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. They are closely monitoring an outbreak caused COVID-19 and are the go to resource for the U.S.

[CDC Resource Center](#)

Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) Coronavirus Business Resource Center

As many BIO members work to develop diagnostics, vaccines and treatments to address the global COVID-19 outbreak, BIO has provided resources to help companies continue their operations with minimum disruption and keep their employees safe and healthy.

[BIO Resource Center](#)

Our Members Response

This week, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) hosted two-day virtual summit on COVID-19 bringing together industry leaders, government officials, and scientific experts to maximize collaboration on vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics

Key takeaways were the desire to collaborate and work through the crisis as quickly as possible—but this requires collaboration with government, too.

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[Watch Jim Greenwood's Recap](#)

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) and the Biopharmaceutical Industry's efforts to beat coronavirus

In addition to applying their scientific expertise to find ways to diagnose, treat and prevent infections from the virus, they are providing financial support and in-kind donations to organizations and collaborating with U.S. and global health authorities to combat this global public health emergency.

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Novartis announced a broad set of measures to support the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Novartis COVID-19 Response Fund will provide USD 20 million in grants to support public health initiatives designed to help communities manage challenges posed by the pandemic. Novartis has also entered new collaborative research efforts such as the COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator, as well as a COVID-19 directed partnership organized by the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI).

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How Johnson & Johnson's supply chain is responding to the covid-19 pandemic

Thanks to dedicated employees around the globe and robust business continuity plans, Johnson & Johnson is able to deliver for the one billion customers and patients who rely on its products during this unprecedented time.

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Members Merck and AstraZeneca are donating masks to support health care workers

Merck Donates a Half a Million Masks to Support COVID-19 Emergency Response in New York City

AstraZeneca to donate 9 million face masks to support healthcare workers around the world in the fight against COVID-19

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[Read More on AstraZeneca](#)

As coronavirus spreads, private sector offers hope—and treatments

But there is at least one bright spot in this global public health emergency. That's the astounding speed with which private firms have begun tackling the problem. Private firms have rolled out promising new therapies and technologies that could help mitigate the pandemic—and save lives.

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