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Avery Dennison Develops Versatile Disposable Plastic Face Shield to Help Protect Healthcare Professionals and Combat Shortages

Southern California's Dignity Health Hospitals among the first to receive donation of 80,000 face shields

GLENDALE, CALIF. — May 6, 2020 – Avery Dennison Corporation (NYSE:AVY), a global materials science company headquartered in Glendale, Calif., is using its next-generation innovation expertise to design and manufacture a soon to be patented **Disposable Plastic Face Shield** for healthcare professionals on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.

The company is donating 500,000 of the new face shields to hospitals all over the country, including a donation of 80,000 to CommonSpirit Health, one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health systems and the largest hospital provider in California. CommonSpirit Health operates six Dignity Health hospitals in Southern California, and one of the first deliveries of the face shields will be sent to Glendale Memorial Hospital in Glendale, California.

The new disposable face shield is a protective, clear anti-fog coated polyester plastic sheet that can be used two different ways. The innovative design allows the user to wear it using the easy to assemble, integrated adjustable plastic headband, or the shield can be applied directly to an article of clothing using the skin-friendly, gentle and repositionable adhesive tape strip. It is designed with user comfort in mind and accommodates the wearing of face masks or respirators. Since they are disposable there is no need for cleaning or sterilization post-use.

“Thank you Avery Dennison for your innovative work to help protect health care workers across the country, and especially here in Los Angeles, where we continue to see the activity of

COVID-19 in our communities,” said Julie J. Sprengel, Southwest Division President, Dignity Health Hospitals. “Your expertise and generosity are greatly appreciated.”

“With PPE in short supply, we recognized an opportunity—and a responsibility—to adapt our manufacturing lines to produce much-needed safety equipment that is critical to saving lives and supporting recovery from this pandemic,” said Kirsten Newquist, vice president and general manager, Avery Dennison Medical. “We’re exceptionally proud of the ingenuity and collective efforts across all areas of our business. Our team responded quickly, designing and manufacturing these face shields, allowing us to contribute in a meaningful way to local healthcare providers and our communities during a time of great need,” she added.

The new face shields will be available for use by physicians, nurses and other caregivers at Dignity Health hospitals this month, pending distribution from its warehouse where the first shipment will arrive soon.

Since shifting manufacturing lines at the company’s Mentor, Ohio facility, Avery Dennison has committed to donating the first 500,000 face shields to healthcare centers, state health departments and senior care facilities. In addition to CommonSpirit Health, an additional 17 facilities nationwide will receive donations.

Along with the new face shields, Avery Dennison Medical is currently developing other types of personal protective equipment (PPE) in response to COVID-19. The company also participates in several national databases such as [Project N95](#) and [GetUsPPE.org](#), created to connect PPE suppliers with healthcare providers to help put life-saving equipment into the hands of frontline health workers as quickly as possible.

About Avery Dennison

Avery Dennison (NYSE:AVY) is a global materials science company, specializing in the design and production of a wide variety of labeling and functional materials. The company's products are used by most industries and include self-adhesive, pressure-sensitive materials for labeling and visual communication applications; tapes and other solutions for industrial, medical and retail applications; clothing labels, tags and props; in addition to radio frequency identification (RFID) solutions for the fashion market and others. Headquartered in Glendale, California, the

company employs approximately 30,000 employees in more than 50 countries. Reported sales in 2019 were \$ 7.1 billion. Learn more at www.averydennison.com.

To learn more about **Avery Dennison Medical**, visit medical.averydennison.com. Organizations with a need for disposable plastic face shields and other PPE can learn more at medical.averydennison.com/en/home/covid19.html.

About CommonSpirit Health

CommonSpirit Health is a nonprofit, Catholic health system dedicated to advancing health for all people. It was created in February 2019 through the alignment of Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health. CommonSpirit Health is committed to creating healthier communities, delivering exceptional patient care, and ensuring every person has access to quality health care. With its national office in Chicago and a team of approximately 150,000 employees and 25,000 physicians and advanced practice clinicians, CommonSpirit Health operates 142 hospitals and more than 700 care sites across 21 states. In FY 2018, Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health had combined revenues of \$29.2 billion and provided \$4.2 billion in charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed government programs. Learn more at commonspirit.org.

To learn more about **Dignity Health Southern California**, visit dignityhealth.org/SoCal.

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