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Fragrance Company Transforms Production Donates Barrels of Hand Sanitizer To Hunterdon County

Hunterdon County has received a donation of two 55 gallon drums of hand sanitizer from Firmenich, a Swiss perfume and taste company with offices in Newark, for use by essential County staff and distribution to first responders and medical providers, Hunterdon County Freeholder Board Deputy Director Sue Soloway has announced.

Soloway, the Freeholder Board's liaison for the Health Department, stated, "The hand sanitizer donation is incredibly valuable and appreciated. Hand sanitizer, as everyone knows from seeing empty store shelves, is in short supply and is badly needed for protection by the County's essential employees, who are at their workstations every day, our first responders, and medical personnel."

Firmenich transformed part of its production lines to provide hand sanitizer vital to limiting the spread of COVID-19 and meeting growing global demand earlier this year and recently increased its production capacity to 100 tons for hospitals, as well as first responders and government services across the United States and Switzerland.

Soloway added, "Hunterdon County is most fortunate to have made a connection with the company in order to arrange the donation. Firmenich is one of the hero companies that have put the safety of people ahead of profits during the pandemic. We cannot thank them enough."

Firmenich, on the company's website, states it was the first in its industry to adapt its production at its Geneva site to donate 20 tons of hand sanitizer to the Geneva University Hospital (HUG), and medical and emergency services. In response to the growing shortage of hand sanitizer, the Group is increasing its production to 100 tons.

Firmenich is the world's largest privately-owned perfume and taste company, founded in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1895.