

# Novartis manufactures and donates 27,000 units of hand sanitizer to New York State

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- *Novartis donates 27,000 units of hand sanitizer to support New York's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency*
- *Donation builds on Novartis efforts in the US for communities impacted by the pandemic, including funding and in-kind donations*
- *In line with Novartis global initiatives to respond to the pandemic, including a Global Response Fund, product donations, and industry-wide R&D collaboration*

**Long Island, New York, June 15, 2020** – Novartis, through its Long Island Operations site known as Fougera, today announces the donation of 27,000 units of hand sanitizer to support New York's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. As part of the larger Novartis COVID-19 Community Response Fund, the Novartis US Foundation has established a Fund and mechanism to support local efforts such as this.

Long Island Operations began manufacturing hand sanitizer at the Hicksville site to help with the pandemic as well as for internal Novartis use in the U.S. The hand sanitizer donation will support statewide first responders including hospitals, state agencies, nursing homes, nonprofit organizations and others.

"It is the first time we have manufactured hand sanitizer. With the hard work and dedication of all of the associates, we quickly put all of the pieces in place to make this happen," said James Apollo, Director Operations, Site Head. "Our associates are the heroes, and I am exceptionally proud of the work that was done. They remain engaged and dedicated to support not just our patients, customers, co-workers, and company, but also the community where we work and live."

To apply to the Novartis US COVID-19 Community Response Fund, please visit <https://www.novartis.us/coronavirus>.

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