

Panasonic to Help Alleviate Supply Shortages Caused by the Spread of COVID-19

Osaka, Japan – Panasonic Corporation today announced initiatives to help reduce shortages of critical supplies in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Panasonic expresses its deepest condolences to those who have succumbed to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The company also offers heartfelt prayers to those suffering from its effects for a speedy recovery, and sincerely wishes for the soonest possible eradication of the disease.

As the number of COVID-19 infections increases, Panasonic is doing its utmost to continue its business activities and contribute to stable economic activity, while directing its employees to take appropriate steps to protect their health, including working from home.

Nevertheless, as the Japanese government expanded the state of emergency to the entire nation last week, the fight against COVID-19 is becoming a long-term struggle, and the resulting shortages of certain medical and other supplies are now critical. In response to this ordeal, Panasonic will join in mobilizing its resources to the maximum degree to provide a wide range of support, including the contribution, and supporting the production, of urgently-needed medical and other supplies as detailed below, moving swiftly to promote the most feasible measures first.

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(1) Provision of supplies suitable for medical repurposing

Panasonic will contribute its stocks of supplies for business activities that are suitable for medical repurposing, including medical-grade gloves and goggles, dust-proof garments, N95 masks, raincoats and ponchos and rubber gloves.

(2) In-house mask production

Panasonic's Connected Solutions Company will install mask production equipment in its clean rooms, to produce facial masks that will mainly be used in-house. Reducing external procurement will help stabilize the supply situation in the mask market. Production of medical face masks will also be considered.

(3) Provision of Ziaino air purifier/sterilizers for medical institutions*

Panasonic will contribute its Ziaino high-performance air purification and sterilization equipment for medical institutions. These units, which utilize the sterilizing power of sodium hypochlorite, have been evaluated highly.

*The company has not verified the effectiveness of Ziaino with respect to prevention and treatment of specific viruses and diseases such as COVID-19 as it is not a medical equipment.

(4) Provision of clean rooms

(5) Provision of autonomous sterilization robot HOSPI-mist

HOSPI, an autonomous delivery robot that has been deployed in hospitals to transport medicine and medical samples, has been equipped with nozzles that

spray disinfectants to offer a self-maneuvering sterilization solution.

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