

Quality Chemical starts production of hand sanitizer to donate

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Quality Chemical Laboratories is making hand sanitizer to fill the needs of the local health care community as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, said Yousry Sayed, the firm's president and CEO.

The pharmaceutical company, located at 3220 Corporate Drive in the Northchase Industrial Park, has about a half-dozen of its staff members working to make hand sanitizer, which it is donating, he said.

"Our product is [for] the local area. If we could satisfy that, we're going to keep making as much as we can. We have plenty of the ingredients that go in there, which have met all regulations according to the FDA and we are compounding according to the guidance from the USP."

Sayed said he's opened the production of hand sanitizer, but does not yet know what the local demand will be.

"We typically don't sell this stuff or make it. This is just something we're going to do to help the community here," Sayed said. "Now if we have a need to ship somewhere else, we could make larger quantities, as much as we need to, because it's not that hard to make."

"We'll see what the need is locally, first, and if others in the neighboring counties or surrounding area need it, we will make sure we will make as much as we can in this time of need. That's really the bottom line," Sayed said.

Quality Chemical Laboratories is donating all of its hand-sanitizing product, giving priority to local health care providers.

The company is hoping to fulfill different-sized bottles, with gallon and liter sizes more readily available. The company can also provide refills. In smaller sizes, Quality Chemical has about 50 4-oz. bottles available this week and 1,000 more of those bottles coming next week, said Rodney Robbins, director of business development at Quality Chemical.

"We are having some difficulty getting the smaller bottles," Sayed said. "We should be getting more and more as the days progress. We're supposed to get the 4- to 6-oz. size anytime now. But everybody I guess is looking for those."

The pharma company can produce at least 60 liters of hand sanitizer a day, Robbins said.

Quality Chemical has also reached out to other pharmaceutical companies about its hand sanitizer production and some have shown a willingness to share materials that go into the formula, Robbins said.

The company is not distributing the hand sanitizer themselves, but those interested can send an email to cole.hudson@qualitychemlabs.com to inquire about donations.

"People will essentially have to email," Sayed said, "and then we'll decide with them the best way to get it to them."

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