

Festo Assigns Teams to Respiratory Ventilator Development and Protective Gear Manufacture

Festo also continues supplying industrial automation products to businesses in the US, Mexico, and Canada.

Islandia, NY & Mississauga, ON, April 2020 – Festo North America and subsidiary Fabco-Air Inc., classified essential businesses, are continuing to supply pneumatic and electric drive technology to distributors, equipment manufacturers, and end-users in North America.

Supporting solutions for COVID-19

“Festo has launched focused coronavirus mitigation projects,” announced Carlos Miranda, CEO, Festo North America. “Among several initiatives, the first is to ensure that orders for components and systems used in medical devices receive priority treatment and are processed and shipped rapidly.

“A large research and development team is working full time on a design for a quick-to-manufacture emergency respiratory ventilator. Another team alongside a partner firm is developing a concept for automated production of protective masks. This team envisions a complete production system that can be set up and shipped within a standard transport container.”

Festo LifeTech Business Unit components are used in high-speed automated laboratory devices that are essential for the types of screening envisioned for sample analysis during the pandemic. Festo LifeTech components are also used by certified respiratory equipment manufacturers. Festo does not manufacture that equipment itself.

In addition to the medical and manufacturing sectors, Festo is keeping its overall production and logistics systems sound for the pharmaceutical, food and beverage, and packaging industries as well as for washing systems for hospitals and care facilities.

Festo encourages the use of the company’s online resources, including the 24/7 online shop, for placing orders and checking delivery status, and online product configuration and engineering tools. The company continues to take measures to ensure continuity of production while protecting the health and safety of employees, suppliers, and the public.

For questions regarding the company’s ability to serve customers in the following essential industries – manufacturing, processing, medical device, and laboratory automation – please email essentialbusiness.na@festo.com. And visit Festo at <https://www.festo.com/us/en/>.

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