



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

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Dear Hospital Administrator,

As our state and nation continue deal with the impact of COVID-19, my team and I at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) are working hard to ensure the citizens we serve have the resources they need to combat, treat, and ultimately defeat this dangerous virus. As I am sure you are aware, many hospitals are running low on tests, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and other necessary materials. With this in mind, I am writing you today to inform you of a few resources you may not be aware of but could utilize during this time of urgency.

As we are contacted with information about product availability, I will forward this information to you.

Two medical companies have contacted TDA that are offering supplies for purchase in this trying time. The first company, 220 LAB Group, is an accredited medical laboratory that provides laboratory testing services including toxicology, chemistry testing, and molecular pathology. They are currently offering KN-95 Mask 100MM, N-95 3M Mask 2MM, surgical gowns, hand sanitizer, surgical gloves, boot covers, and clear 3M face shields. If you are interested in purchasing any of these supplies, please email Paul Blazek at [paul@220labgroup.com](mailto:paul@220labgroup.com).

The second company, Health First Medical Solutions, is a medical software technology company that specializes in medical informatics engineering. They are offering FDA approved COVID-19 testing kits that were made in the U.S. If you are interested in purchasing these tests, please contact Shane Bledsoe at [shane@healthfirstmedicalsolutions.com](mailto:shane@healthfirstmedicalsolutions.com).

I hope you find this information helpful and urge you to contact the State Office of Rural Health at (512) 936-6730 for updates regarding the impact of COVID-19.

Thank you for the countless hours you and your staff are putting in to provide the highest quality of healthcare to the people of rural Texas. Please let me know if and how I may be of further service to you and the people you serve.

Sincerely,

Sid Miller  
Commissioner