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COVID-19 Coronavirus Infectious Disease

Who: B&B Pharmaceuticals, our suppliers, & all our customers, partners, and affiliates.

What: Concerns regarding [COVID-19](#) otherwise known as the Coronavirus.

Where: The COVID-19 infectious disease outbreak began in Wuhan, China and has high potential for global impact. Specifically, all B&B affiliated manufacturing sites, distribution facilities, & testing facilities, the B&B Pharmaceuticals facility, and customer facilities.

When: The COVID-19 infectious disease outbreak began in December of 2019 and has gained strength lately. As of Friday, February 28th, the CDC has confirmed the possible [instance of “Community Spread”](#) of COVID-19 in U.S.

Why: B&B has initiated communication in the interest of keeping our customers informed. While the exact origin of COVID-19 is yet to be determined, scientists have said that the [virus likely came from bats originally](#). While COVID-19 is serious, scientific community has [strongly condemned](#) rumors and conspiracy theories about the origin of the current coronavirus outbreak.

What is B&B Pharmaceuticals doing?

B&B has received numerous inquiries regarding the effects of COVID-19 on our supply chain and our ability to continue supplying you with products needed to continue operating your business. Currently, twenty-eight percent (28%) of our materials originate from China. Of the 28%, Zero (0) materials come from the Hubei province where Wuhan City (proposed epicenter) is located. However, B&B is taking all necessary measures to mitigate risk including finding alternative suppliers, inventory control, and continuous communication with all our domestic and foreign suppliers.

In addition, as one of your trusted partners in business, B&B Pharmaceuticals acknowledges the potential impacts of COVID-19 on the overall health and safety of you, your personnel, your patients, and that of your business as



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well. The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that receiving packages from an area COVID-19 has been reported as low risk:

“the likelihood of an infected person contaminating commercial goods is low and the risk of catching the virus that causes COVID-19 from a package that has been moved, travelled, and exposed to different conditions and temperature is also low” (<https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>).

It should be noted that the virus is not transmissible via the handling of raw materials. Regardless, B&B is taking all necessary measures to protect all product and personnel.

What you can do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

(From the [CDC Recommendations on Prevention](#))

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC’s recommendations for using a facemask.
 - o CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - o Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



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- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For information about handwashing, see [CDC's Handwashing](#) website.

For information specific to healthcare, see [CDC's Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings](#).

These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses. CDC does have [specific guidance for travelers](#).

Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\) -Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Page](#)
- [New York Times - Coronavirus Map: Tracking the Spread of the Outbreak](#)
- [UCHealth Today – Staying safe from COVID-19 in the U.S.](#)
- [Wall Street Journal - What We Know About the Coronavirus](#)
- [World Health Organization - Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) Outbreak Page](#)
- [World Health Organization - Q&A on Coronaviruses \(COVID-19\)](#)