

COMPANY STATEMENT



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BD Statement on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

BD is closely monitoring the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation across the world and guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and health officials in a variety of affected countries to ensure the health and safety of BD employees in affected areas around the world, which is our first priority.

BD does not have any manufacturing or distribution operations in Wuhan or Hubei province and is adhering to guidance from Chinese officials to instruct employees to avoid travel to Wuhan. **BD's manufacturing operations in China have resumed operations as expected on Feb. 10**, and employee attendance is at normal levels. BD has also implemented safety procedures to assess the health of employees and visitors prior to granting admittance to all BD China locations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The vast majority of products that BD manufactures in China are sold and used in China, and BD currently has sufficient inventory of BD products exported from China to meet current demand. For example, BD Veritor products are the only BD products manufactured in China and exported to the U.S. Currently, while we have sufficient inventory on hand, BD Veritor products are the only products on order review, stemming from a spike in U.S. demand due to a continued elevated flu season, not a manufacturing shortage. BD Veritor product manufacturing has resumed in our Chinese facility.

With respect to affected areas in greater Asia, all of BD's manufacturing and distribution facilities in Singapore, South Korea and Japan are operating normally. In Europe, BD does not have any manufacturing or distribution facilities in the restricted cities of Northern Italy, and all BD facilities are operating as normal across Europe.

In addition, BD continues to assess its key suppliers in all affected areas that provide raw materials and components to BD manufacturing plants around the world. BD continues to have sufficient raw material and component inventory to meet manufacturing demand, and key suppliers in China have confirmed they have resumed operations.

Given these dynamics, BD continues to meet current demand for our products and does not currently expect disruptions to product availability outside of China due to COVID-19.

Within China, all BD manufacturing facilities and distribution centers have resumed operations and are operating at normal capacity. BD expects some temporary delays in customer orders within China based primarily on third-party transportation shortages.

BD has business continuity plans for these types of situations. If a product or raw material is deemed at risk, BD will adopt numerous contingency plans including seeking alternative suppliers, expediting shipments, redeploying raw materials and/or finished goods from other parts of the BD network and placing at-risk products on order review to prevent hoarding behavior. BD also institutes preventative pandemic precautions at facilities in affected areas to protect employees and visitors.

In addition, BD has provided support to local health organizations in China through in-kind donations of \$300,000 in products to the Wuhan Red Cross to help support response efforts and a \$50,000 donation to Project Hope for the provision of personal protective equipment for frontline health care workers in China.

BD will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as warranted under the Operations Updates section of the [Alerts and Notices page on BD.com](#).