

Industry News

American PPE manufacturers launch new group

The American Medical Manufacturers Association (AMMA), a new group representing domestic personal protective equipment (PPE) manufacturers from across the country, launched recently. AMMA will work to highlight the critical need for the United States to have consistent access to quality and American-made PPE, especially in times of crisis.

“The COVID-19 pandemic exposed a giant hole in our U.S. supply chain and highlighted our country’s reliance on foreign manufactured medical supplies and equipment,” said Eric Axel, Executive Director of AMMA. “We must ensure that we are prepared as a country for future pandemics – and that starts with investing in U.S. PPE. This is the only way for the U.S. to bolster our public health, security, and competitiveness.”

AMMA’s initial members include Altor Safety, Aquaspersions USA, Blue Star NBR, Lutema, Ochsner Health, Premium-PPE, SafeSource Direct, United Safety Technology, and Vizient.

BD receives FDA EUA for COVID-19, influenza A/B, RSV combination test

BD announced that it has received Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for a new molecular diagnostic combination test for SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A + B and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) to help combat illness in the current and future respiratory virus seasons.

The test, for use on the BD MAX™ Molecular Diagnostic System, uses a single nasal swab or a single nasopharyngeal swab sample to identify and distinguish if a patient has COVID-19, the flu, RSV or some combination of the three, with results available in as little as two hours. The test helps eliminate the need for multiple tests or doctor visits and can help clinicians implement the right treatment plan quickly. The co-testing approach also helps to increase testing capacity during the busy flu/RSV season and speed time to diagnosis.

“While fears of a ‘triple-demic’ this respiratory season have largely diminished, accurately differentiating influenza and RSV from COVID-19 and providing appropriate treatment remains a challenge for our customers,” said Nikos Pavlidis, vice president of Molecular Diagnostics at BD. “This diagnostic test provides the ability to identify

multiple pathogens using a single sample and can quickly pinpoint the causative virus or viruses and enable clinicians to administer appropriate treatment early in the course of infection.”

The BD MAX™ System is already in use at thousands of hospitals and laboratories worldwide, and each unit is capable of analyzing hundreds of samples over a 24-hour period. The Respiratory Viral Panel for BD MAX™ System is an RT-PCR assay that detects and differentiates the nucleic acid of SARS-CoV-2, flu A, flu B and RSV in as little as two hours for the first result, with the simplified and automated workflow of the BD MAX™ System.

Henry Schein named to Fortune’s “World’s Most Admired Companies” list for 22nd consecutive year

Henry Schein announced that it has been named to the FORTUNE® “World’s Most Admired Companies” list for 2023, the 22nd consecutive year that the Company has been so recognized. Henry Schein also ranked first in the Wholesalers: Health Care category for the fifth consecutive year.

“For more than 90 years, our concern for the success of our stakeholders – our customers, suppliers, Team Schein Members, investors, and society at large – has long been the foundation of our purpose-driven approach to business and continues to inform our efforts to create a healthier world,” said Stanley M. Bergman, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Henry Schein. “Despite the challenges we face as a society and industry, the dedication and determination of the approximately 22,000 Team Schein Members remains strong, and our values continue to be a key driver of the Company’s success. On behalf of Team Schein, we are honored to be included on FORTUNE’s list of the ‘World’s Most Admired Companies.’”

Sekisui Diagnostics ranks in top 100 most sustainable corporations

Sekisui has again been included in the 2023 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations In The World Index (2023 Global 100). This marks the sixth consecutive time and the eighth time overall that Sekisui has been part of this important ranking.

The index is published annually by the Canadian company Corporate Knights Inc. It ranks large companies from