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**Allied Printing Services, an essential business, provides relief to local community by producing much needed PPE**

Allied Printing Services has found a way to manufacture PPE (personal protective equipment), specifically face shields, which they plan to donate to local hospitals to aid COVID-19 relief. It was important to Allied's President, CEO and owner, John Sommers, to be a part of the solution in our collective response to this pandemic. Allied's management team was able to quickly align the company's resources and capabilities with a great need by converting manufacturing lines that normally are producing essential print, packaging, and direct mail to produce face shields which protect hospital workers and first responders.

"I am incredibly proud that Allied Printing Services has been able to react so quickly, and respond to this great need our country and state is facing", said John Sommers. "As an essential business who is open during this crisis, our number one priority has been to keep our employees safe. We have been taking every precaution possible, and have been able to stay open to serve our customers. Allied is producing essential materials including important notices/communications for utilities and power companies, food and drug packaging, direct mail with personalized communications (PHI) for healthcare providers, Medicare ID cards, and components for COVID-19 test kits. As a key supplier for our customers in various essential categories, we know how important our work is; but, we wanted to do more to help those in need. I'm thrilled that we have found a way to produce PPE face shields to donate to local hospitals, ambulatory services, and other healthcare providers."

John Sommers doesn't plan to stop there: Allied is developing educational workbooks for Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) with crossword puzzles, word search, sudoku, coloring books, and other "enrichment" activities for the children in our community who are being impacted by COVID-19. These can also be sent to children at their homes upon request, and to nursing homes where many of our elderly citizens at-risk are confined to their rooms during this quarantine. John Sommers commented, "I am very grateful for our employees that have been able to fulfill these requests. We have taken every precaution to create a safe and clean work environment so that we can continue to do so." Allied personnel not essential to basic operations have been asked to work remotely. All essential

employees performing operations on site have been instructed to comply with social distancing requirements as well as our heightened safety precautions (in accordance with CDC & WHO).

Allied Printing Services Charitable Foundation ([www.allied-foundation.com](http://www.allied-foundation.com)) has also made a sizeable cash donation this week to “Hands on Hartford”, a local soup kitchen that helps to feed those in need whose resources are very slim during this pandemic.

Allied Printing Services ([www.alliedprinting.com](http://www.alliedprinting.com)), located in Manchester, Connecticut, employs 380 full time workers and operates around the clock to serve their customers. Allied provides products and services to customers in essential industries such as healthcare, Medicare, insurance, banking/financial, pharmaceutical, food packaging, consumer products, utilities, essential retail (grocers and pharmacies), laboratories, hospitals, and direct mail which is an essential communication vehicle according to the Federal Government and United States Post Office.

In accordance with Governor Ned Lamont, State of Connecticut, Executive Order No. 7H, Allied Printing is designated as an “Essential Business” as defined by the State of Connecticut and the Federal Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) guidance for “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” within the Critical Infrastructure Sector for US Post Office Mail production and processing, Pharmaceutical, Consumer Products, Packaging and Healthcare Services.

