

## Dentsply Sirona produces disinfectants at Wellspect in Molndal, Sweden

With the advent of the COVID-19 outbreak, Dentsply Sirona is closely monitoring this public health crisis and taking action to ensure the safety and wellbeing of employees, their families, customers and partners, as well as the local communities across the globe.

To support healthcare professionals on the front line of COVID-19, Dentsply Sirona is now producing disinfectants for hospitals at the Wellspect production facility in Molndal, Sweden. Jimmy Pedersen, VP Supply Chain and Manufacturing, started this great initiative: "A couple of weeks ago when the COVID-situation started to escalate in Sweden, we were not able to get deliveries of hand disinfectants. The situation got critical and since we have all necessary ingredients in our normal production, I asked our chemists to put together a recipe and methods to produce our own hand disinfectant."



*Figure 1 The first batch of disinfectants is packaged by Ted Scholin (right), Process Operator, after production is finalized together with Johan Svensson (middle), Process Operator, and Anna-Lena Pettersson (left), Manager Process/Chemistry in Molndal, Sweden.*

Only few weeks later, normal disinfectants ran out of stock too, so the company started producing these as well and offered to deliver them to hospitals in the western region of Sweden. The initial plan was to produce 500 liters, but then 5,000 liters per week were requested. The disinfectants are intended to be sold at production cost level to the county council governing the territory of western Sweden, for use in hospitals but also public dental care. The production already started on Friday, April 3rd and is planned to continue for a period of 16 weeks. The main challenge in order to continue the production will be to procure the chemicals needed for the recipe.

Svenn Poulsen, Group Vice President of Wellspect, is proud of the engagement of everybody involved in this initiative: "With the help of our operators, technicians, chemists, and colleagues from procurement, EHS, QA/RA, we were able to set this up in such a short time. It demonstrates that our employees passionately strive to make a real difference to those who need our products and services- especially in these challenging times."