Fraudulent Activity, Price Gouging, and Counterfeit Products

At 3M, we are committed to doing all we can to help combat the fraudulent, price gouging, and counterfeit activity that is unfortunately occurring in connection with COVID-19. Examples include people fraudulently representing themselves as being affiliated with 3M and having authentic 3M product to sell, selling (or offering to sell) 3M products at grossly inflated prices, selling counterfeit products falsely claimed to be from 3M, and falsely claiming to manufacture 3M products. In many cases, these scammers will try and secure funds in advance and then disappear once the money is received.

3M will not tolerate any such activity by 3M authorized channel partners and we will aggressively pursue third-parties that seek to take advantage of this crisis. We are working with law enforcement authorities around the world – including, in the U.S., the U.S. Attorney General, state Attorneys General, and local authorities.

We have also created a new 3M COVID-19 Fraud hotline for the U.S. and Canada that end-users and purchasers of 3M products can call for information to help detect fraud and avoid counterfeit products. You can reach this hotline by calling 1 (800) 426-8688.

In addition to the hotline, you can report a concern in the U.S. at www.go.3m.com/covidfraud. You can report a concern in Canada at www.go.3M.com/covidfraud-en-ca (English) or www.go.3M.com/covidfraud-fr-ca (French).

3M recommends purchasing our products only from a 3M authorized distributor or dealer, as that offers the greatest assurance that you will receive authentic 3M products.

If you need help identifying 3M authorized distributors and dealers in your area, please contact 3M Help Center at www.3m.com/3M/en_US/company-us/help-center or 1 (888) 364-3577 in the United States. In Canada, please contact 3M Canada Customer Service at 1 (800) 364-3577.

With regard to 3M respirators specifically, we are providing the following additional information to help stop price gouging and sales of counterfeit products:

- 3M has not changed the prices we charge for 3M respirators as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- We are actively working to eliminate price gouging, including making referrals to law enforcement where appropriate.
- To help customers identify and avoid inflated prices, we are now publishing current single-case list prices for many of the most common 3M N95 respirator models sold in the U.S.
- List prices for these models sold in Canada are similar on a currency-adjusted basis.
• These list prices are per respirator.
• Actual prices may be lower than these list prices, as negotiated between you and your chosen reseller.
• 3M has also worked to further accelerate delivery of respirators to critical end-users – both by utilizing our existing network of healthcare distributors and, where it makes sense to do so, shipping directly to end-user locations. Effective the week of March 23, the small volume of 3M filtering facepiece respirators being made available to critical industrial infrastructure is shipping directly to the specified end-user.
• 3M respirators should be sold only in 3M packaging, with model-specific user instructions accompanying the product.
• 3M respirators should not be sold individually or without packaging (including User Instructions).
• 3M has strict quality standards, and therefore products that have missing straps, strange odors, blocked valves, misspelled words, etc. are likely not authentic 3M respirators.

Finally, 3M personal protective equipment (PPE) is intended, labeled, packaged, and certified to meet the requirements of the countries in which 3M sells it. Those requirements differ around the world, including as it relates to, for example, respirator performance, local language, and local certification and approval for sale and use. As a result, 3M PPE imported from other countries may not meet local requirements. Please confirm such PPE meets all applicable requirements prior to use.

For technical assistance regarding the selection and use of 3M respirators, please contact your local 3M Technical Service team. In the U.S., you can call 1 (800) 243-4630. In Canada, you can call 1 (800) 364-3577.

For more information, contact the 3M Help Center at 1 (888) 364-3577 in the United States. In Canada, please contact 3M Canada Customer Service at 1 (800) 364-3577.