



April 4, 2020

**STATEMENT ON THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S ORDER APPLYING THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TO CERTAIN PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT – AND THE ORDER'S NON-APPLICATION TO AVANOS PRODUCTS**

On April 3, 2020, U.S. President Donald Trump issued an order under the Defense Production Act directing officials to use the law's authority to preserve respirators, surgical masks and surgical gloves for domestic use. Along with the order, the President issued a statement criticizing "wartime profiteers."

At this time, Avanos has no reason to believe that President Trump will expand his order to include Avanos' products. This applies to our Respiratory Health products, including BALLARD\* Closed Suction Catheters and MICROCUFF\* Endotracheal Tubes, as well as our Digestive Health products, including CORFLO\* and ENTRAL\* enteral feeding tubes, or any of our other products.

We continue to sell our products at pre-pandemic prices. Further, we have taken steps to maximize the supply of our products that have shown demand spikes, and we have also instituted a global allocation plan for some products to ensure, as best we can, that our customers receive an adequate supply worldwide.

As the pandemic situation and governmental strategies are evolving quickly, we will endeavor to provide additional communications as events require.

Avanos is dedicated to manufacturing and distributing superior quality products to our customers across the globe, and we look forward to continuing to work with you through this period of unprecedented market disruption – and afterwards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ross Mansbach", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Ross Mansbach**

Vice President & Deputy General Counsel