International Events

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Dear Medline Customer,

We recently shared an update regarding international events leading the news, and any impact they were having on our supply chain. Since that last update, we have not seen any major change in our ability to serve you and your patients. To that point, much of this update mirrors what we recently shared, but wanted to assure you we continue to monitor these situations and will keep you updated accordingly.

Ukraine Conflict
We are not currently seeing any major impacts or disruptions to our business or ability to serve our customers with respect to the situation in Ukraine. Medline has no manufacturing East of Germany or anywhere near Ukraine or Russia. In addition, exports from the Ukraine region as a whole are also very small, so there should be minimal impact on maritime operations across the globe. Our biggest concern remains the price of oil and the impact this will have on numerous raw material indexes. Russia is a major producer of oil and natural gas, and the conflict has increased the prices of both sharply in recent weeks.

In addition, we have received questions regarding our involvement, or ability to partner on coordinated relief efforts.

Our Medline Europe teams have been working to direct our products to charitable groups that can best coordinate distribution. In response to this crisis, we are increasing the amount of product that we make available to these organizations so that they can be rushed to the areas where they are needed most.

Due to the volume of requests we receive from organizations and charitable groups around the world, we donate our products to select global medical relief organizations where we can reach the most people with the greatest needs. The following is contact information to qualified organizations we work with regularly, as they may be able to help with your desired efforts:

- Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, Erica Smith, Erica.smith@mission-outreach.org, 217.492.6138 or complete the intake at www.mission-outreach.org
- Project C.U.R.E, Janet Thomason, janetthomason@projectcure.org or visit www.projectcure.org

Omicron Surge in China
China is currently dealing with its largest surge of COVID infections since the coronavirus first emerged, causing officials to implement some of their toughest restrictions and lockdowns to date.

We are seeing minimal impact to the Medline supply chain or production as the majority of our suppliers are removed from the larger cities facing the latest surge and new lockdown measures. And while ports remain open, lockdowns are reducing the available manpower to work vessels. Loading delays within Shanghai and connected feeder ports are ranging 5-7 days due to lower labor pools and
productivity; delays may increase if further trucking restrictions are implemented or port labor is impacted.

While ports are operating with minimal delays, there is some increased scrutiny for drivers in and out of the ports as authorities are requiring that these drivers have a negative COVID test.

If you have any questions on this or any other topic, please don’t hesitate to reach out to your Medline sales representative, or contact me directly.

Thank you,

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