

The Segens Group's initiatives to fight the Covid-19 pandemic

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As a global player in pharmaceutical synthesis and specialty ingredients, the teams of the Seqens group, within its 24 industrial sites and 3 R&D centers, quickly mobilized to deal with the health crisis related to Covid-19 and provide support to local communities, populations at risk and those in need.

Segens donated more than 3,000 liters of hydroalcoholic solution.

Hydroalcoholic solution is effective in preventing the spread of the virus. On March 18, our Bourgoin Jallieu site in France, which is specialized in pharmaceutical intermediates, reoriented two production lines to make very large volumes of hydroalcoholic solution available. The isopropanol used to manufacture these solutions is supplied by our Roussillon site.

Our sites Couterne in Normandy, Saint-Jean in Canada and Newburyport in the United States also launched production of hydroalcoholic solution in the following weeks.

Thanks to this strong mobilization, the Seqens Group was able to offer more than 3,000 liters of hydroalcoholic solution to hospitals, retirement homes, pharmacies, fire brigades and the authorities of our local communities.

Medical equipment gracefully distributed

To meet the specific needs of hospitals facing this pandemic, Seqens donated disposable medical clothing, protective equipment and medical supplies.

The Seqens'Lab in Porcheville participated in the opening of the COVID 19 Centre in Mantes La Jolie with the donation of hydroalcoholic solution and visitors' gowns. About sixty syringe pumps and about twenty infusion sets were donated to the Poissy/Meulan/Mantes La Jolie Hospitals to help open additional intensive care beds last week as the hospitals were looking for this type of equipment to cope with the flow of new patients. Our Roussillon site also donated disposable gowns, hair protection and protective eyewear to nurses in Romans and at the Vienna University Hospital.

Support for the most needy

Seqens is committed to "L'ENTREPRISE DES POSSIBLES", a collective of companies from the Lyon metropolitan area to which the group has belonged since June 2019. The association comes to the aid of underprivileged people, homeless people or people facing a very difficult financial situation. In this period of crisis, Seqens' staff representatives and head office management have signed an agreement allowing employees to donate days off (by making the association benefit from a matching contribution) and the staff at Ecully has mobilized strongly by donating 1 day individually to the association.

In this context of health crisis, children are all the more vulnerable. Our Turku site has made a commitment to the SOS Children's Villages association. This organization welcomes children in distress in family homes. Also, SOS Children's Villages Finland in Kaarina received furniture and decoration to arrange its living spaces and welcome new children.

Great mobilization of the Seqens teams and its industrial sites to participate in the fight against COVID-19

Roussillon

Seqens EDS has donated hydroalcoholic solution to some independents and law enforcement agencies. Disposable gowns were also given to groups of nurses near the Roussillon site.

Sequens SPS donated disposable gowns, hair protection and protective glasses to nurses in Romans and at the Vienna University Hospital. 20 liters of SHA were also graciously distributed to the benefit of a local retirement residence.

Limay

Our Limay site supplied the SDIS78 (fire brigade) with 500 liters of alcohol from our stock so that it could manufacture alcoholic solution to disinfect its intervention equipment.

Aramon

Our Sequens Aramon site was asked by the SDIS of the Gard department to make 100 liters of ethanol so that they could manufacture their own hydroalcoholic solution. The Sequens Aramon site immediately carried out the packaging and offered the product free of charge to the Gard fire brigade who then sent us a warm letter of thanks.

Porcheville

The Seqens'Lab in Porcheville participated in the opening of the COVID-19 Centre in Mantes La Jolie with the donation of hydroalcoholic solution (about 10 liters) and visitors' gowns (50). About sixty syringe pumps and about twenty infusion sets were donated to the Poissy/Meulan/Mantes La Jolie Hospitals to help opening additional intensive care beds last week as the hospitals were looking for this type of equipment to cope with the influx of new patients.

Pont de Claix

Seqens Acid & Derivatives offered 8 liters of hydroalcoholic solution to the Vizille firemen. A 1000-liter IBC was ordered at our Bourgoin site for distribution over the Pont de Claix platform, 50 liters of which were given to the Grenoble fire brigade. We were also able to respond to the call from the Grenoble hospital and provide them with a 1000 liters IBC.

Bourgoin

Bourgoin has donated 80 liters of hydroalcoholic solution to the Pierre Oudot Hospital Center and to the Association of Liberal Nurses of the Berjallian Basin.

Couterne

Couterne has also donated 160 liters of hydroalcoholic solution for local health establishments, communities of communes, firemen, nurses and local pharmacies. 200 liters were also donated for the DREAL. Couterne's retirement residence also received gloves and white gowns free of charge.

Ecully

A donation of 1,000 liters of hydroalcoholic solution for the Clinique de la Sauvegarde d'Ecully was shipped from our Bourgoin Jallieu site.

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Chine

From the very beginning of this crisis, the teams from Wuxi and Yangzi have brought a strong support to the entire group by purchasing and supplying good quality surgical masks to all Seqens sites.

86,000 masks have already been distributed to the French, English, German and US sites. Hundreds of thousands more have been purchased by our Chinese colleagues for the Seqens sites and other Eurazeo subsidiaries.