



Kimberly-Clark Professional Donates Over 1 Million Face Masks and Cleaning Products to Help US Public Schools

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Donation of masks, wipes and sanitizer to support schools in local Kimberly-Clark communities

ROSWELL, Ga., May 12, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Kimberly-Clark Professional today announced a donation of over 1 million face masks and cleaning products to school districts across the country. The donation, consisting of Kimberly-Clark Professional™ General Purpose Face Masks, Scott® 24 Wipes and Scott® Gel Hand Sanitizer with Moisturizers, will support over 235,000 K-12 students, faculty and administrators in nearly 400 schools across 15 states where Kimberly-Clark employees live and work, including locations in Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin, among others.

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Dr. Brian Shumate (left), the superintendent of the Troup County School System in LaGrange, Ga., is pictured with Joe Franklin (right), a maintenance technician at Kimberly-Clark.



Carlos Rivera, the head custodian at Bethel Middle School in Connecticut, sits next to donated masks and cleaning products.

"We know that many schools across the country are still in need of proper supplies to help protect students and faculty as they work to finish the school year strong," said Susan Gambardella, President, Kimberly-Clark Professional North America.

Operating schools safely during the pandemic requires additional resources. According to a [report](#) released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), school districts on average must invest an additional \$55 to \$442 per student to ensure they can reopen in the safest possible manner.

"In these times where towns are working to do more with less resources, this donation from Kimberly-Clark Professional helps support our students and school staff and will help allow us to get back fully to normal school operations more quickly," said John Barile, Superintendent of Schools, Brookfield, Conn.

This donation comes as schools are evaluating not just their year-end protocols, but how they will address learning in the fall.

While requirements in public and private spaces vary by state, the CDC continues to recommend the consistent and correct use of masks, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection to help ensure the safe delivery of in-person instruction in schools. These guidelines are all part of the [CDC's](#) 'Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention.'

"Care underlies everything we do at Kimberly-Clark Professional, and we are proud to care for the communities where we operate and help assist the school districts where our employees live and work as they prepare for the upcoming school year," said Gambardella.

Kimberly-Clark Professional has continued to care for and support our communities by operating as an essential business throughout the pandemic. The company launched a new standalone global PPE business unit, including new manufacturing of [100% made in the USA industrial N95 respirators](#), approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH), to support critical infrastructure workers.

Additionally, Kimberly-Clark is committing \$2.5 million to COVID-19 relief efforts in India, including support to UNICEF of \$2.2 million, to help secure critical medical equipment such as oxygen concentrators and the setting up of oxygen generation plants. These actions extend Kimberly-Clark's commitments last year to assist with COVID-19 response and relief efforts around the world by partners including [UNICEF](#), the [International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#) and the American Red Cross, and the [Boys & Girls Clubs of America](#).

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