

SupplyNZ Situation Report as at Friday 3rd April 2020

1. 33 registrations in 3 days (started 31st March). See public register [here](#).
2. One DHB urgently requires durable, locally manufactured scrubs. We are using social media to call out to makers over the weekend who can help. If you have contact details for any local manufacturers who you would recommend, please let us know.
3. Key questions registrants want answered:
 - (i) What are the protocols for local production of PPE, in particular, gowns, scrubs, face masks?
 - (ii) Who in Government do I contact about supplying PPE and medical related items (this applies to both makers / manufacturers and suppliers)?
 - (iii) Is Government at all interested in blood test kits from China?
4. Key observations this week:

Makers (New Zealand manufacturers)

- (a) One New Zealand business believes they can build up to 20 portable isolation pods p/week if needed using negative pressurization technology and supplies they source locally for their existing business.
- (b) A company who specialize in asbestos removal have designed a modular de-contamination shower that can be manufactured locally for use in clinics, hospitals etc. for frontline medical staff.
- (c) Purchasers have expressed significant interest in local production of PPE due to long lead times for international orders.

International suppliers

- (d) A large proportion of registrations have been from businesses who have existing supply chain contacts offshore.
- (e) International orders inherently have longer lead times than local production. A large private healthcare group that have their own supplier contacts in China have indicated huge delays in delivery to New Zealand.
- (f) Two contacts have sourced trusted suppliers of COVID-19 blood test kits in China (as opposed to the swab test that's currently available).

Purchasers

- (g) Private hospitals and general practitioners (including dentists) have huge demand for PPE gear as result of demand and prioritization of the public sector, and the rest of the world.

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