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County of Brant Businesses Step Up to Fight COVID-19

County of Brant, ON – Many County of Brant businesses have shifted their manufacturing processes to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Here are a few of the County of Brant businesses who have stepped up to the challenge:

- Domite Wear Technology Inc., a Paris-based business, has shifted their manufacturing and 3D printing to create face shields that were donated to frontline healthcare workers. Domite is also offering to send their files to other businesses so they are able to create masks and help fight the virus.
- BGI Retail, located in the Brant 403 Business Park, has adapted their broad manufacturing capabilities to produce face shields, provide businesses with print signage to remind customers to remain 2 metres apart, and produce protective barriers that can be used to protect employees.
- Home Hardware Beauti-Tone, located in Burford, is manufacturing and supplying a new registered disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. “Not only does this help our customers and stores across Canada, it further secures jobs right here in the County of Brant”, says Darrin Noble, Vice President and General Manager of Home Hardware. “These new products will be made available all over the province to help citizens disinfect surfaces and help to fight the spread of the virus.”
- Ironstone Entrance Technologies, located on Brant School Road, wanted to give back to the community and has launched the “Brant Business Answer the Call – COVID-19 Response”. As of April 29, 2020, Ironstone has raised over \$13,000 that will go towards purchasing pallets to be donated to the Brantford Food Bank.
- Brooks Signs, located in Cainsville, has been able to pivot their production to create custom barrier shields made of transparent plexiglass or polycarbonate. With a pass-through opening, the shields can also be used by businesses to collect payment by card or cash. The shields can be either table-mounted or hung from the ceiling, and have been offered to a number of different sectors. “We see opportunity for these products in a wide range of applications including medical offices, nursing homes, gas stations, banks, pharmacies, hotels, and grocery stores” said company President Jason Schwandt. This shift in manufacturing has also allowed Brooks Signs to keep all of their staff on payroll.

“County of Brant businesses saw a need, during this challenging time, and stepped up to help,” said Russell Press, Director of Economic Development and Tourism with the County of Brant. “Not only are they supplying much needed equipment such as masks, disinfectant and barriers but they are also keeping people employed in our community.”

Brant manufacturers are showing how #BrantWorksTogether to stop the spread of COVID-19.

For more information, visit www.brant.ca/BrantWorksTogether.

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