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COVID-19 Prompts Healthcare Firms To Buy Isopropyl Alcohol

Austin, TX – Lab Alley (www.laballey.com) has been helping healthcare firms as they face historic challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic by shipping isopropyl alcohol (IPA) to their facilities. Hand hygiene is an important part of the U.S. response to the international emergence of COVID-19. IPA is an important ingredient in hand sanitizers and other disinfectants used for protection against the virus. "Isopropyl alcohol is a cleaner that neutralizes the coronavirus on everything from countertops to medical devices", says Fred Elabed, CEO of Lab Alley LLC.

Rubbing alcohol, hand sanitizers, and disinfecting pads normally contain a 60-70% solution of isopropyl alcohol in water. Even as wholesale isopropyl alcohol prices tripled and shortages escalated, Lab Alley continued to ship isopropyl alcohol to hospitals, universities, governments, healthcare firms, healthcare workers, first responders and other medical providers.

In March and April of 2020, the coronavirus pandemic sparked price surges and a leap in demand for isopropyl alcohol which pushed prices to record highs in the U.S. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Lab Alley has continued to ship 1 gallon bottles, 5 gallon pails and 55 gallon drums of 70%, 91% and 99% isopropyl alcohol solutions to healthcare facilities and healthcare providers throughout the United States. While retailers, pharmacies and major grocery chains either ran out of isopropyl alcohol or placed limits on purchases, Lab Alley continued to supply the healthcare and personal care firms with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) in bulk.

When COVID-19 became a health crisis in the United States in March of 2020, a persistent shortage of hand sanitizers began affecting hospitals, medical offices, clinics, dental practices, and healthcare facilities. Isopropyl alcohol (Formula C3H8O) purchased online in bulk at LabAlley.com is currently being used by healthcare practitioners for formulating and compounding alcohol-based hand sanitizers during the public health emergency. Hand sanitizers with a final concentration of at least 70% isopropyl alcohol inactivate viruses that are genetically related to, and with similar physical properties as, the COVID-19 virus. A final concentration of 75% isopropyl alcohol recommended in the USP hand sanitizer toolkit is aligned with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Healthcare and personal care firms in the United States have also been ordering hospital grade disinfectants, hydrogen peroxide, pure ethanol, denatured ethanol, glycerin, benzalkonium chloride, and other antiviral products online at LabAlley.com during the COVID-19 pandemic. Private consumers and business owners have also been buying ingredients online at LabAlley.com to make their own hand sanitizers, coronavirus disinfectant sprays, disinfectant solutions and products, surface cleaners, and antiseptic towelettes.

Lab Alley even shipped isopropyl alcohol to liquor distilleries that retooled to help combat the hand sanitizer shortage caused by the virus. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to spread across the country, Lab Alley continues to ship isopropyl alcohol (IPA) and other sanitizing and disinfectant products to businesses and individuals to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses.

Lab Alley is an "essential business" during COVID-19 providing sanitizing and disinfectant chemicals to hospitals, healthcare, personal care/health & beauty/cosmetics, healthcare workers, first responders, medical providers, universities, governments, businesses, and consumers.

About Lab Alley

Lab Alley LLC is a woman-owned small business enterprise that supplies <u>laboratory</u> <u>chemicals and reagents</u>, <u>laboratory chemical solvents</u>, and <u>laboratory consumables</u> to Healthcare, Personal Care/Health & Beauty/Cosmetics, Biotech, Life Science, Pharmaceutical, R&D, Laboratory, Industrial, Academia/Education, CBD/Hemp, and Government Agencies. We actively market our product portfolio to customers within our targeted market segments. Our chemicals and reagents categories include <u>Ethanol</u>, <u>Solvents</u>, <u>Acids</u>, <u>Bases and Caustics</u>, <u>Buffers</u>, <u>Salts and Inorganic Chemicals</u>, and <u>Solutions</u>.

Lab Alley also supplies <u>Antivirals</u>, <u>COVID-19 Disinfectants</u>, and <u>Hand Sanitizer</u> <u>Ingredients</u>, and other chemicals and reagents.

Located in the heart of the Austin, Texas, Lab Alley was established with the express goal of offering a cohesive buying experience for laboratories throughout the country and around the world. Our extensive product line and diverse branding are uniquely fitted to meet the needs of our customers. Our comprehensive product website and trained staff are adept at finding the perfect solution for each customer.

For a complete listing of our product portfolio please visit our website at http://www.laballey.com.