



Clean the World®

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Dear Valued Partner,

As a global leader in water, sanitation, hygiene and sustainability, Clean the World has been closely monitoring the recent outbreak of COVID-19. As both the CDC and WHO have adamantly expressed, handwashing with soap and water is one of the most important ways of staying healthy. As we continue to monitor the situation, Clean the World will continue with its impact operations and would like to reassure our partners of the importance of our work together in this critical time for good hygiene. Clean the World is in regular contact with the CDC and United Nations agencies, as well as our global WASH program and partnership network, to ensure we're ahead of the latest developments and needs.

As hygiene supplies are limited in many stores, those without access to hygiene supplies need our support now more than ever. We are committed to being on the front lines to fight against the spread of this virus.

We are encouraging our hospitality and airline partners to continue to collect as much soap and hygiene products as possible. We have, and will continue to, increase production so we can recycle and distribute as much soap as possible to those in need, domestically and globally. Together, and through our collective actions, we can do our part to stem the spread of COVID-19 for our most vulnerable populations.

As an immediate response, Clean the World Foundation, in partnership with Feeding America and Soapbox Soaps, has arranged for the distribution of [1.5 million bars of soap](#) to U.S. based relief organizations. As soap is not a federally subsidized product, this immediate distribution will be very important to those we collectively are serving.

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to climb, please be assured that public health and safety is our *top* priority. As such, we will not be hosting volunteers in any of our facilities for the immediate future.

Clean the World is also taking several steps and precautions within our Recycling Operational Centers to ensure the health and safety of our staff and the quality and cleanliness of the product we are re-manufacturing for those in need. Steps include enhanced cleaning and disinfectant measures throughout our facilities, increased protective wear, bin "sit time" before handling, increased disinfectant and cleaning measures within every step of the soap recycling process, and increased bin disinfectant and cleaning measures prior to shipping back to our partners.

Clean the World cannot stress this enough—we NEED YOU to collaborate with us to make a difference in stemming the spread of COVID-19.

Lastly, as a global leader in health and hygiene, we want to remind all our partners, donors, and supporters to please follow these tips from the CDC:

- **Wash your hands frequently and properly.** Wash the tops and bottoms of your hands, as well as your fingertips and in between fingers for 20 seconds with soap and water.
- **Maintain social distancing:** Maintain at least 3 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.



- **Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth**
- **Practice respiratory hygiene:** Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- **If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early**
- **Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider**

Please reach out to info@cleantheworld.org with any questions or concerns.

We appreciate you supporting the Clean the World mission.

Sincerely,

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