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CALPIA Produces Hand Sanitizer During Pandemic

FOLSOM – To help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, The California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) has started producing hand sanitizer to meet some of the supply needs of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS).

“I am in awe of CALPIA staff and offenders’ willingness to respond to this crisis,” said CALPIA’s General Manager Scott Walker. “They are crushing it and exceeding all expectations to meet the needs of staff and the incarcerated population during this critical time.”

The hand sanitizer is being made available to both staff and offenders at CDCR and CCHCS facilities and locations.

If CALPIA’s inventory exceeds the needs of those two departments, CALPIA will make the product available to other state agencies.

CALPIA’s team worked with the California Department of Public Health to acquire the necessary licensing for relabeling, repackaging, and mixing.

“We passed the audit with flying colors, not one problem,” added Walker. “From start to finish this process took two weeks to deliver which is remarkable considering it could take many months.”

CALPIA delivered the initial batch to CDCR locations on March 28, 2020. Additional deliveries will take place weekly until the demand is met. CALPIA is currently working to expand the supply pipeline as quickly as possible.

Production of the materials is occurring at CALPIA’s Chemical Enterprise located at the California State Prison, Los Angeles County.

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