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Duo Form launches new DUO Intubation Boxes, Ramps up Face Shield Production

Edwardsburg, MI- April 10, 2020- Duo Form announces they have launched their new DUO Intubation Boxes used to help protect medical workers on the front lines in the battle against the novel coronavirus. The DUO Intubation Boxes provide additional protection between medical staff and patient when performing endotracheal intubation in a patient with known or suspected COVID-19. Intubating a COVID-19 patient is considered an extremely high-risk procedure for medical staff and the box is designed to reduce this risk by containing the aerosols generated by the patient during the intubation procedure.

The DUO Intubation Box is different from other similar products on the market, as it is designed to come apart in five pieces for easy cleaning and disinfecting and collapses flat for easy storage and shipping. The DUO intubation box is four-sided, manufactured of durable polycarbonate, with easy-access openings and they're reusable after being wiped down and disinfected. It is designed with handles to make it less cumbersome for actual use. The box can also be kept over the patient's head during transport; for example, from the ER to the ICU or for utilization in extubating a patient from a ventilator - a known cough-inducing procedure.

"The Duo Box provides additional protection between the medical staff and a high-risk patient during an intubation. This box is designed to reduce risk by containing fine particulate matter and liquids produced by the patient during the intubation process", says Mike Gonser, Director of Duo New Product Development, **"we just want to be able to help protect our health care workers and help the nation end the pandemic."**

In working with local hospitals, Shelly Ditmer, Vice President of Sales at Duo, found that "when Doctors and Nurses are doing airway intubation procedures, there is often a lot of coughing and extra risk of exposure of the virus even if the equipment and personal protection gear is doing its job, when they go to remove those items, they are at a high risk again of being exposed."

"We are currently ramping up production with the goal of manufacturing 50 boxes per day within one week of launch, and ramping up from there," says Mike Gonser.

"We have a strong commitment to our employees, customers, service partners, and communities during the ongoing coronavirus situation. Ensuring their safety continues to be our number one commitment," Says Shelly Ditmer.

UPDATE: Since last week the Edwardsburg Thermoforming company has begun to produce up to 1,200 polycarbonate face shields per day expanding distribution to both Michigan and Indiana hospitals, local medical facilities, local civic entities including police and fire squads, retirement homes and more. DUO Form is beginning to promote the availability of these masks to other local essential frontline workers including: retail, grocery, and restaurant staff. The face shields are washable and durable, the clear shield is designed so it can be disinfected and reused and the foam pad and head strap are replaceable. This way you can issue one mask per associate to use over and over. DUO Form can even custom print the headband with corporate logos and colors. For more information to buy in bulk, please contact info@duoformplastics.com, individual shields are available for purchase direct on <https://www.duoformplastics.com/shop>

Also launching Monday is the new DUO Retail Safety Shield designed for use anywhere a cashier would come in contact with a customer. The modified sneeze-guard is designed to block virus-containing droplets - released by coughing, sneezing and speaking - that might otherwise hit cashiers and other frontline workers, who interact with dozens of customers during their shifts. The DUO Retail Safety Shield is easy-to-install and quick to set up. More information will be released soon.

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Duo's 50+ year legacy in producing high-quality RV OEM parts now available to the RV Aftermarket world of replacement RV parts and accessories. Duo provides everyday solutions to common and intriguing issues that arise with RV Ownership. With the average life an RV or Travel trailer being upwards of 20 years or more, it's important to have a partner with solutions to keep your rig running smoothly and hassle-free. Serving our customers with DUO products that are well known and loved in the industry, we are excited to be developing and launching new and exciting products specifically targeted to our RV, Camper, and Van-customers.

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