

PRINCIPLES FOR PREPAREDNESS:

The Medical Technology Industry's Plan to Respond to an Extraordinary Health Care Crisis

MEDTECH INDUSTRY RAMPS UP

The COVID-19 crisis demonstrated that the industry can respond quickly and effectively to meet the needs of patients and health care providers. Almost overnight, AdvaMed's member companies refocused their operations – expanding production and capacity to develop and manufacture the medical technologies that are critical to our country's fight against this pandemic and arming health workers on the frontlines with the tools they need to save lives:

- Ventilators used to assist patients who are unable to breathe;
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) used by providers on the frontlines;
- Diagnostic tests that are critical to diagnose and track disease; and
- Countless other medical technologies and supplies.

To continue the fight against COVID-19 and to prepare for any future extraordinary health care-related crisis requires a concerted and collaborative effort with government and industry working together based on the following principles:



Storing sufficient supplies in the strategic national stockpile to meet any initial surge in demand from any future health care crisis;



Keeping supply chains resilient so that medical technology companies can efficiently access the components and raw materials they need to ramp up production so the U.S. can continue to supply patients around the world;



Allocating in advance, through careful planning, where and how to get crucial medical supplies to those most in need; and



Investing in America to support a strong domestic medical technology industry that will continue to meet the needs of U.S. patients and health care providers.