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Dear Valued LeadingAge and Value First members,

As the list and solutions for PPE continues to be an ever changing landscape, we encourage you to vet any email offerings you may receive for items. While there are many offers that are legitimate, we encourage our members to be wary of any offers that may seem too good. The FDA is finding a large amount of masks that are now being received in the US are not able to pass inspection. Please [click here](#) for additional information.

LeadingAge Illinois and Value First continue to work to find solutions for our members and are working hard to vet the solutions for you to the best of our abilities. Stock is also every changing and as of this writing stock has been validated.

While many of the following PPE offerings are through our Value First vendors, please note that unless it is specifically noted that you need your Value First/Vizient ID number these offers are open to ALL LEADINGAGE members. For existing Value First members, if you do need your Value First/Vizient ID number, please reach out to me and I will provide it for you. *If you are not* a current Value First member signing up to receive an ID number is free, easy (one signature) and has no obligation attached to it.

SPECIAL LEADINGAGE PRICING for Disposable Gowns and Masks: We have a special purchase for disposable gowns and surgical masks that are in stock in the US and ready for quick shipment. Please [see the attached](#) for details. This special offer is good to LeadingAge members through May 20, 2020, or as supplies last.

NEW Personnel Management Kiosks to help protect the health and safety of your employees and residents. This new kiosk will help with check in and temperature verification at your entry points. [Check here](#) for details. Please contact me for your Vizient ID or for a form to sign up for your Vizient ID.

Disposable Gowns: Value First has been looking for viable suppliers that can meet member PPE needs and believe we have found a good option for disposable gowns. Over the last 3 weeks, Jostens has converted their manufacturing facilities in South Carolina and Mexico from producing graduation gowns to healthcare gowns. For complete description and spec sheet, [please click here](#).

Anti-Viral Masks and reusable gowns: America Knits <http://www.americaknits.com/> is a textile manufacturer based in Swainsboro, GA. The company is owned by Steven Hawkins and Dr. David Talton. Mr. Hawkins has more than 30 years of experience in the textile industry and Dr. Talton is a cardiothoracic surgeon at North Mississippi Health System; a 600-bed health system in Tupelo, Mississippi. The two are lifelong friends and launched America Knits in the fall of 2019. Mr. Hawkins manages the day to day operations while Dr. Talton is still a practicing surgeon. Please [click here](#) for specs and order form.

Face Shields, Surgical Mask and Infrared Thermometers are available through our Value First partner [Hubert](#). Please contact me for your Vizient ID or for a form to sign up for your Vizient ID.

Reusable Gowns and Reusable face coverings are also available for our members through [Standard Textile](#). Please contact me for your Vizient ID or for a form to sign up for your Vizient ID.

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Additionally we have vetted the following sources to the best of our ability for masks, hand sanitizers and face shields and gloves. Please use the link on each of the following to view their flyers and for vendor contact information to obtain pricing and availability.

[American Solutions for Business](#)

[ABC Printing for PPE](#) and also a source for [Touchless Thermometers](#)

[Dyno Hand Sanitizer](#)

[Brooklyn Textile PPE](#)

As we continue to work together to help you provide for your residents, please do not hesitate to reach out to let me know how I can continue to serve you and your teams.

Best Wishes,

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