Webinar Tomorrow on Battelle Decon of N95 Masks: The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) recently announced that Louisiana received a Battelle CCDS™ (Critical Care Decontamination System), which can decontaminate thousands of N95 respirators using high concentration, vapor phase hydrogen peroxide. LDH is hosting a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session tomorrow, Friday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. CST. Hospital staff members can join the meeting online at https://zoom.us/j/94952175311 or by phone at 602-333-0032, using conference code: 420769. We will provide a link to the taped session in our newsletter and on our website once LDH makes it available.

LWCC Grant Opportunity Available to Help Support Frontline Healthcare Workers
The LWCC Foundation invites all Louisiana non-profit hospitals and hospital foundations to apply for the Louisiana Well Again: COVID-19 Response Package’s phase 2 grants that support frontline workers who are treating or preparing to treat COVID-19 patients. The LWCC Foundation will award a total of $500,000 in this round of funding, which must be applied directly to COVID-19 frontline staff recovery, relief and support. Some examples include purchasing supplies, financially supporting impacted staff and providing resources for staff to manage stress.

Applications from Louisiana non-profit hospitals or hospital foundations must be received through the LWCC Grant Application Portal by 5:00 p.m. CST on May 15, 2020, and the LWCC Foundation grants committee will respond to all submissions by June 1, 2020. For more details, download the grant information document, and direct any of your questions to info@thelwccfoundation.org.

Background on the LWCC Foundation’s Louisiana Well Again: COVID-19 Response Package: The LWCC Foundation launched the Louisiana Well Again: COVID-19 Response Package, a three-phase, $1.1 million package designed to help Louisiana respond to and recover from the pandemic. Phase 1 was a $100,000 gift to Feeding Louisiana, a statewide non-profit organization that supports food banks across the state. Phase 2 is the $500,000 grants program, referenced above, that will help hospitals across the state to support the work of frontline healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients. Phase 3 is a $500,000 grants program to fund initiatives focused on improving the health, wellness, and safety of Louisiana workers in the aftermath of the pandemic. LWCC’s goal in funding this round is to implement long-term solutions to address vulnerabilities among Louisiana workers, and to help build a better and more resilient Louisiana. More information on these grants will be available in the coming months. To learn more about the LWCC Foundation and Louisiana Well Again, visit the Foundation’s website.

Note: This Alert is being distributed on April 30, 2020 to hospital C-Suite personnel in the LHA database.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be found on the LHA’s COVID-19 webpage.