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Ghent and Waddell Use Manufacturing Capabilities to Provide Creative Solutions for Getting Back to Work

Lebanon, OH - Ghent and Waddell, divisions of GMI Companies, provide tools that help all types of facilities communicate, collaborate and learn. With US-based manufacturing facilities, Ghent and Waddell have come up with creative solutions to help decrease the spread of COVID-19. Products once used for communication are now providing the extra margin of safety needed to open business.

“In times like these, it’s the customers who are driving our product decisions,” said Chief Sales Officer Brad Pierce. “Many companies approached us about modifying our products for new needs. Our goal was to help and deliver a solution as quickly as possible. These aren’t necessarily the future of our products, but it is what people need from us now, and we’re here to support them.”

By quickly evaluating and adapting current products, Ghent has developed 4 new series of products to meet the needs of restaurants, schools, and workplaces that need to physically separate and protect their workforce and customers. By using parts from other standard products, Ghent has developed freestanding partitions and desk top dividers to mobile units for temperature taking.

With space division combined with communication tools at the core of what Waddell is known for, pieces and parts have been repurposed to create Countertop Acrylic Barriers, more commonly referred to as “sneeze guards.” Available in two styles and designed for use in banks, hotels, and lobbies, they are also available for quick ship.

The need for partitions and separation is evident in all offices and facilities, including the GMI headquarters in Lebanon, Ohio. Not only are safeguards needed in the local facility, but thousands of businesses are taking the same steps to encourage social distancing are looking for creative solutions.

“This goes almost without saying, but like many of you, keeping our employees and partners safe is a top priority,” commented Chief Operating Officer John D’Agostino. “I’m proud of the work our team is doing not only to keep themselves safe, but help others remain healthy.”

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About Ghent, a GMI Company

GMI Companies, headquartered in Lebanon, Ohio, is a leading US manufacturer of visual communication products and display solutions to help people communicate, collaborate and learn. Ghent products include whiteboards, glassboards, mobiles, tackboards, easels, enclosed message centers, and more. Waddell manufactures display furniture in a variety of applications to meet any environment. VividBoard custom dry-erase boards are used in healthcare as patient room boards to promote communication and patient satisfaction. All GMI Companies products are sold through dealers specializing in office and education throughout North America.

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