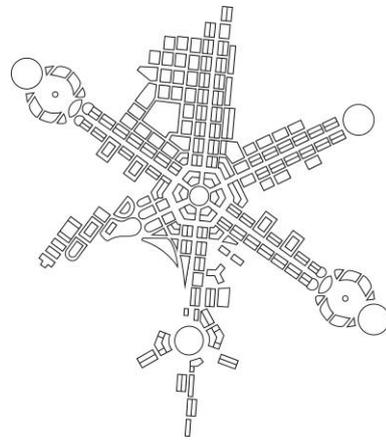


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## **Underground Spirits halt spirits production to focus solely on Hand Sanitiser for frontline medical staff in the ACT**

[Underground Spirits](#) has today revealed they have halted all production of all spirits, to focus solely on production of hand sanitiser for use by frontline medical staff in the ACT in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“This week we have completely stopped production of our gin and vodka to dedicate our distillery 100% to the production of hand sanitiser,” said Underground Spirits’ owner and Head Distiller, Dr. Toby Angstmann.

“We are working with the ACT Government to ensure that frontline medical staff in the ACT are serviced during this critical time as shortages are apparent. Our sanitiser will go to health carers who need it most including GPs, doctors, nurses, theatre staff, Emergency Services ACT and all health services,” Dr. Angstmann continued.

Dr. Angstmann said that they have already pushed out a significant quantity of sanitiser, over one thousand litres, and that they are producing around the clock. The sanitiser is being produced and sold at cost. He says he has confidence that the Government’s plan for distribution will work, ensuring the sanitiser goes out to those who need it most.

“We are proud to be local suppliers working with the ACT Government and other local businesses, including Bunnings who are assisting with supply of containers. We are all clever and industrious people with a desired and valued skill set and we all need to work together to get through this difficult time.

“This is a very dynamic situation. At the moment, we cannot produce enough hand sanitiser fast enough to sell it to retail customers as well, and health care professionals are our priority. If we get to a point where we can sell to our customers, Canberrans will be the first to get their hands on it,” Dr. Toby Angstmann continued.

Toby’s sister and Underground Spirits’ CEO, Claudia Roughley has said that drinks manufacturing is in a hiatus for as long as it takes for this emergency to pass and thanked all their customers for their support.

“We are all really feeling for the hospitality industry in Canberra and across the country. Folks are losing their jobs, businesses may shut down. We are doing what we can. People

can still buy our vodka and gin from what stock we have available, but we ask everyone to be patient regarding queries around stock,” Claudia said.

For more information on Underground Spirits, go to [www.undergroundspirits.com.au](http://www.undergroundspirits.com.au)  
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