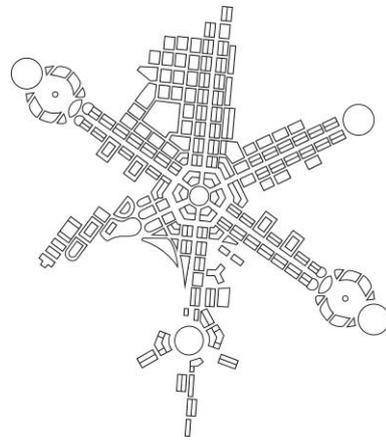


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Underground Spirits halt spirits production to focus on Hand Sanitiser for frontline medical staff

Canberra's most awarded premium spirits brand, [Underground Spirits](#), has halted all production of all spirits, to focus solely on production of hand sanitiser for use by frontline medical staff in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Last week we 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 and other organisations to ensure that frontline medical staff are serviced during this critical time as shortages are apparent. Our sanitiser is going to health carers who need it most including GPs, doctors, nurses, theatre staff, Emergency Services ACT and all health services.

"In the last week we have made and transported out over 5600 litres. It is also going where it is needed most, including to Services Australia across the country," Dr. Angstmann continued.

Dr. Angstmann said that they are producing sanitiser around the clock, leading a Canberra collaboration with other ACT distillers, winemakers and brewers to together respond to the community's need for a critical short supply of hand sanitiser. Canberra District wineries have been supplying wine which is then distilled and turned into the 70% alcohol sanitiser – turning wine, spirits and beer into potentially life-saving hand sanitiser.

Dr. Angstmann 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 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. We encourage everyone to adhere to the the social distancing and public health messages. We will get through this, this will end if we do it right," concluded Dr. Angstmann.

If you are part of a community group or organisation in need of medical grade sanitiser that will benefit public safety, please send your request to ESAhandsanitiser@act.gov.au
For more information on Underground Spirits, go to www.undergroundspirits.com.au

You can keep up to date on Underground Spirits on [Facebook](#), and by following on Instagram @undergroundspirits.

Click [HERE](#) to view a video of Toby and the Underground Spirits team making hand sanitiser.

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