

## Compliance Today - May 2020 DOJ cautions business community against violating antitrust laws in relation to public health products

The U.S. Department of Justice announced in a March 9, 2020, news release, [1] "its intention to hold accountable anyone who violates the antitrust laws of the United States in connection with the manufacturing, distribution, or sale of public health products such as face masks, respirators, and diagnostics. The department's announcement is part of a broader administration effort to ensure that federal, state, and local health authorities, the private healthcare sector, and the public at large are in the strongest possible position to respond to the outbreak of the respiratory disease named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)."

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