Charles River Update
Precautions Taken in Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, we remain on high alert, responding quickly as developments occur. Charles River has assembled a global team of internal experts who are closely monitoring the outbreak and its impact on employee safety and business operations. We are supporting all of our sites around the world with the resources they need to continue to protect their employees and meet the needs of the clients we serve.

We have put measures in place to help prevent the spread of the virus and protect the health of our people while ensuring business continuity. Such measures include limiting all non-essential travel, asking our people to work from home where possible, and reminding everyone of good hygiene practices.

Charles River is aware of restrictions being implemented by local and national governments across Asia, Europe, and North America. We continue to work with the proper authorities and to date, in all geographies, our sites remain open and fully operational.

All of our sites are monitoring the situation and following the World Health Organization’s (WHO) recommendations and standards of personal care and hygiene to minimize potential exposure. Our global and site Business Continuity Plans, and appropriate travel and visitor precautions and restrictions, are active and up to date.

Our security practices are designed with both known and unknown risks in mind. Access to our facilities is highly secure and requires careful scheduling, compliance with entrance procedures, wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment, and following disinfection and sanitization practices. We have also implemented specific visitor policies at our sites in order to minimize risk of exposure and business disruption.

We are confident that our procedures are robust and that our employees, facilities, and animals are sound and secure. Our business continuity is successfully ensuring our routine site-based operations, as well as associated logistics and client support, are sustained.

Please feel free to contact me or your sales representative with any questions. You can also visit our COVID-19 webpage for more information and regular updates.

Best regards,

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