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# Textiles Coated International (TCI) Provides Critical Raw Material for Packaging of Operation Warp Speed's COVID-19 Vaccine.

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Textiles Coated International (TCI), a global leader in the development and manufacture of fluoropolymer films, is excited to announce their role in supporting the U.S. government's "Operation Warp Speed." TCI will be manufacturing and supplying critical raw materials for packaging that facilitates transport and storage of the Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine.

"We are very proud of our involvement in this project, helping to ensure that packaging for the vaccine is strong, pure, and reliable. Fortunately, our material had already been qualified prior to the pandemic, so we were able to respond quickly to build on that and ramp up production. The concept of the product actually began a few years ago based on the needs of other industries that require a similar level of purity and reliability," said John Tippett, CEO of TCI.

TCI initiated a campaign over the past decade, to manufacture materials and products using high-quality fluoropolymer films for military, medical, aerospace, oil and gas, semiconductor, electrical, and food industries. Some of these products required multi-year qualification periods with numerous trial shipments and sampling. The qualification process of a single product could often cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Early in the development of these products, NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) provided TCI with an ISO grant and training for ISO 9000 certification process, to assist with qualification of these products.

"The assistance from MEP and the State of NH was invaluable", said John Tippett. "Without the core ISO certification, it was impossible to find companies who would consider us for multi-year qualifications in challenging applications. Once this certification and traceability was in place, it gave us a very strong base to build from for supplying products to the medical and other industries that require sterile products."

### **About Textiles Coated International**

Textiles Coated International (TCI), a second-generation New Hampshire business, has been a leading manufacturer of high-performance fluoropolymer films, laminates, and composites since 1985. TCI's products are designed to work in the most demanding environments and are especially suited for harsh chemical and thermal conditions. TCI's facilities have over 180,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (17,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of manufacturing space with customized coating, lamination, fabrication, film, mixing, maintenance, research and development, and laboratory departments. TCI provides high quality products, with short lead times and excellent customer support, due to its production base of over 300 employees and an around-the-clock manufacturing schedule.

For more information about TCI, visit: <https://www.textilecoated.com>

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