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**Delivery Day: Fifteen Rural Georgia Hospitals Receive Scrubs at No Cost.**

Fifteen rural Georgia hospitals received 100 percent Deltapine® cotton scrubs at no cost this week for their employees, including Brooks County Hospital, Burke Medical Center, Crisp Regional Medical Center, Colquitt Regional Medical Center, East Georgia Regional Medical Center, Emanuel Medical Center, Irwin County Hospital, Jeff Davis Hospital, Jenkins County Medical, LifeBrite Community Hospital of Early, Memorial Hospital and Manor, Mitchell County Hospital, SGMC Berrien Campus, Southwell Medical, and Taylor Regional Hospital.

Delivery Day means The Cotton Project, Field to Closet’s vision of delivering one hundred percent Deltapine® cotton medical scrubs, crafted with cotton grown in Georgia and created in an end-to-end US supply chain, to rural hospitals is now reality. Even better, the scrubs are treated with PROTX2®AV, a patent-pending medical grade, anti-viral, antibacterial, anti-odor and metal free technology scientifically proven to destroy SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19), demonstrating a 99.9% reduction in active viral loads and completely disabling the virus.

“To see the scrubs all the way through the process, from cotton grower to medical professional is extremely exciting,” said Steve Hawkins, president of America Knits. “Our team, as well as Field to Closet, the cotton growers, and our project partners, including Deltapine® seed, Georgia’s Rural Center, HomeTown Health, Nutrien Ag Solutions®, and Helena® Agri-Enterprises worked together for well over a year to bring the concept to market. Now, the scrubs are available for pre-order nationwide this fall for spring 2022 delivery.”

The Cotton Project utilizes Georgia-grown cotton from Deltapine seed to re-shore American manufacturing by revitalizing an end-to-end U.S. supply chain. For these scrubs, the cotton was grown in Georgia and the yarn was made in Rabun Gap, Georgia; the material was made in North Carolina, and the scrubs were cut and sewn by America Knits in Swainsboro, Georgia, creating a US supply chain at each stop along the way.

“Importantly, the initiative establishes a Farmer GiveBack program to address a fundamental issue in the garment industry, which typically sees the brand or end seller with the most significant profit,” said Ed Jernigan, founder and CEO of Field to Closet. “The GiveBack program recognizes the rebirth of a robust cotton garment industry isn't possible without the grower; therefore, this initiative is designed to ensure the grower is included financially by sharing in the profit of the goods sold.”

The initiative's partnerships demonstrate creating a 100 percent U.S. supply chain and crafting products from U.S. grown Deltapine cotton is an idea rapidly gaining momentum. The domino effect, resulting in higher cotton need and demand, fair compensation for farmer's sustainability efforts, and a positive light on an all U.S., end-to-end supply chain, will have positive ripple effects across many industries and communities. The overarching vision is for this initiative to serve as an inspiring example of the possibility and profitability for re-shoring American manufacturing and create a long-lasting impact on rural communities.

For more information about this project or to order the scrubs in bulk this fall for spring 2022 delivery, go to Rhino Medical Supply <https://www.rhinomedicalsupply.com/>

To learn more about this initiative’s strategic partners, please use the links below:

[America Knits](https://www.americaknits.com/)

[Deltapine® seed](https://www.dekalbasgrowdeltapine.com/en-us/deltapine/varieties.html?utm_campaign=2020-07-01+--+branded+--+deltapine+productcampaign+deltapine+branded&utm_content=deltapine+dad+strongcotton+--+text&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&gclid=CjwKCAjw6fCCBhBNEiwAem5SO1E-eqlZlfuVVO9EZaYKXMKGjofkd0BEFLl364UumOQO1tZruYUzYBoCyp8QAvD_BwE)

[Field to Closet](https://fieldtocloset.com/)

[Georgia’s Rural Center](https://www.ruralga.org/)

[Hometown Health](https://hometownhealthonline.com/)

[Intelligent Fabric Technologies](https://www.iftna.com/protx2av-field-to-closet)