

Shortage of syringes reported for COVID-19 shots

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largest manufacturer of syringes and is based in New Jersey, said it was producing 2,000 each minute to meet orders of more than a billion, *The Times* reported.

The United States is the world's largest syringe maker by sales, according to Fitch Solutions, a research firm. The United States and China are neck and neck in exports, with combined annual shipments worth \$1.7 billion.

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Countries worldwide are struggling to find enough syringes to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

Experts say between 8 billion and 10 billion syringes are needed for COVID-19 vaccinations alone. But in previous years, only 5 to 10 percent of the estimated 16 billion syringes used worldwide were earmarked for vaccination and immunization, health care supply chain expert Prashant Yadav, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, told *The New York Times*.

U.S. and European officials say they need more syringes for COVID-19 vaccinations, and other countries are also struggling with [syringe](#) shortages. Wealthier nations like the United States, Britain, France, and Germany pumped billions into developing the vaccines, but little public investment has gone into expanding manufacturing for syringes, *The Times* reported.

So, the industry has ramped up to meet demand. Becton, Dickinson and Co., which is the world's

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