# Supplement Sales are Booming: What's Hot, What's Next, and 5 Key Success Factors for 2020

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#### **Glyphosate Free Movement**

Companies not getting behind this movement are going to fall behind.



#### Bethany Davis

This past May MegaFood rallied in Washington, D.C. and hand-delivered over 100,000 signatures of support to ban glyphosate as a dessicant to the EPA. Now we wait for an official response and in the meantime, we are going to keep the pressure on because we don't want glyphosate anywhere near our food, families or supplements!

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#### Spirulina

 New research indicates Spirulina, a well-known algae and dietary ingredient may be one of our best immune support foods



#### Hawaiian Spirulina®

Spirulina is among the oldest and primitive life forms on earth and comes from the phylum of very basic life forms, cyanobacteria (better known as blue-green algae).

Spirulina is the original superfood, consumed for its many health benefits including support for\*:

- The Immune System
- Eyes & Brain
- Cardiovascular Health
- Overall Cellular Health



\*These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.

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# Liposomal Technology

• Delivering the payload is the name of the game.



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# **Outselling the Pill**

• Gummies, film strips, effervescent solutions





#### What's Next ?



- Personalized Medicine (i.e. What is your blood type?)
  - Blood Type-A is much higher risk of severe symptoms of Covid-19. Type-O is most protective.
- Coping with virtual meeting overload
  - Zoom fatigue is real.
- Sleep disruption
  - People are getting anxious and restless.

## **5 Key Success Factors for 2020**

- 1. PPE Management
  - a. Be sure you have deep inventories of Personal Protection Equipment for your employees (PPE).
- 2. Streamlined Communication
  - a. Platforms like WeChat and Slack are proving to be a great way to keep remote staff connected and engaging with each other.
- 3. Deep Inventory of Goods warehoused in the US
  - a. Work with distributors that have confirmed supplies in the US, a Covid-19 round 2 in the fall could deeply disrupt overseas supply chains yet again
- 4. FDA and FTC Compliance
  - a. FTC will continue to send Warning Letters to anyone associating Covid-19 prevention or mitigation with " unproven " products or serves
- 5. Manage your staff as if they have PTSD
  - a. Make sure emotional and safety needs are met, especially if your employees are working remotely.

# **Thank You**

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