



Xenex launches smarter, faster germ-zapping robots in war on Covid

Xenex Disinfection Services has unveiled a new line of germ-zapping robots as part of its ramped-up effort to help slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The LightStrike6 devices are the latest in the San Antonio-based company's arsenal, and company officials said they are more intuitive, durable, faster and smarter than the original robots, which have a proven high rate of disinfection against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19.

The new robots also feature enhanced wireless reporting capabilities. Like the earlier model, they can quickly deactivate other pathogens including *Clostridioides difficile*, or C. diff; methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA; vancomycin-resistant enterococcus; influenza; and other multidrug-resistant organisms.

"The world is looking for tools to help battle the coronavirus, and we are humbled to be in a position to provide a technology that is proven to destroy SARS-CoV-2," said [Irene Hahn](#), senior vice president of sales and marketing for Xenex. "As our science and engineering teams worked together on the design of the LS6, we were focused on providing customers with a durable robot that would help them easily and quickly achieve their disinfection goals."

LightStrike6 includes multiple new features that have been embraced by initial adopters, such as a rapid start disinfection cycle to enable more rooms to be disinfected per day; flexibility to customize room type and users; handles on both sides of the robot for improved transportation, pushing or pulling; and an updated safety cone with embedded timers.

LightStrike robots were primarily used in hundreds of health care facilities across the U.S. and abroad prior to Covid-19. Since the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus a pandemic, other facilities — including hotels, airports, sports stadiums, schools and offices — and other businesses where disease transmission is a concern have deployed the robots. Each LS6 robot can disinfect dozens of rooms per day.

In early November, I reported that Xenex had awarded a \$20 million contract to Astronics Corp., a New York-based company, to help manufacture more of the LightStrike robots.

"The demand for our technology has necessitated our rapid expansion plans," Xenex CEO [Morris Miller](#) said.

Hahn said the first LS6 robots are now available for shipment to organizations battling the coronavirus and will still prove essential once the pandemic subsides.

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