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It has been reported in the press that there are positive cases of COVID-19 at the Trim-Rite Food Corp. Custom Boning Facility in Carpentersville, IL.

On Friday, April 24, 2020, management was informed of a positive COVID-19 test by an employee who had received the test on April 22, 2020. Staff members who were in close contact with that employee (within 6 feet for a prolonged period of time, per CDC guidelines) were notified the same in a meeting on April 24, 2020. The entire staff was notified in a meeting on Monday, April 27, 2020, the next fully-staffed workday, that there had been a positive test. At each meeting, employees were informed of their right to self-quarantine and encouraged to get tested.

The Kane County Health Department was contacted to ensure that they were aware of the situation and to verify that Trim-Rite was following all of the appropriate protocols regarding notification of test results and reporting.

A total of three positive tests have been reported by employees. As of today, only a single case has been reported to Trim-Rite by the Kane County Health Department.

Trim-Rite takes the safety and welfare of its employees very seriously and has been following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) directives and proactively screening employees for COVID-19 symptoms. Trim-Rite has required workers who have exhibited symptoms to stay home until they were symptom-free for a minimum of three days, and they have been tracking and reporting positive cases to the Health Department as they are made aware of them.

To help minimize contact between employees, Trim-Rite has spread employees out by running every other production line, thus maximizing the distance between workers. Personal protective equipment (PPE) has been provided for all employees, and additional cleaning and sanitation procedures have been implemented throughout the facility and especially in common areas.

Unfortunately, employers all over the country are encountering the challenge of staying open to provide essential services, while screening for an infection where many people are asymptomatic. Trim-Rite Food Corp is committed to work with local health officials to ensure that all possible steps are being taken to ensure the safety of their employees and the community.

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[Interim Guidance from CDC and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) Meat and Poultry Processing Workers and Employers](#)

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