

Response from Tyson Foods

The Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Tyson Foods to respond to a petition that alleges that Tyson is not fulfilling its responsibility to protect workers from harm caused by COVID-19 as it does not provide paid sick leave. The petition calls for Tyson to provide paid sick leave benefits to poultry workers so that they do not need to continue working while ill to avoid loss of income, job, or penalty, including compensating workers for being quarantined or staying home to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus which could potentially harm more workers.

- "[COVID-19: Demand poultry companies provide paid leave benefits for processing workers](#)," Venceremos, March 2020

On 10 April 2020, Tyson sent the following response:

Our team is working hard to help feed the world during this global health pandemic.

Below are some examples of ways Tyson Foods is responding to COVID-19:

- We have restricted business travel, educated our team members about COVID-19 through digital signage, videos and other communications; encouraged sick team members to stay home by relaxing attendance policies, increased sanitation/disinfection efforts and implemented restrictions on visitors to our facilities.
- We are taking the temperature of all team members before they enter any Tyson Foods facility.
- Additionally, we are installing infrared temperature walk-thru scanners at several Tyson facilities – and we have ordered scanners to be installed at all facilities. If a team member is sick, they cannot enter the facility.
- We have implemented social distancing measures, such as installing dividers between workstations and increasing the space between workers on the production floor by slowing production lines.
- We began actively sourcing protective face coverings before the CDC recent guidance recommending their use, and we're aggressively securing more from sources around the world.
- Additional hand sanitizer stations placed in entrance areas / hallways.
- Staggered Breaks / Staggering team members as they come into plant.
- We'll continue to update our [blog](#) and [newsroom](#) as the situation evolves.

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