

## **Response from Simmons Foods**

The Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Simmons Foods to respond to a petition that alleges that Simmons 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 Simmons Foods 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 6 April 2020, Simmons Foods sent a link to the following news release:

- ["Simmons affirms measures to protect health and safety of team members from spread of COVID-19"](#)