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Burgers' Smokehouse Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

California, MO (April 15, 2020) – Burgers' Smokehouse has confirmed an employee tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday, Tuesday, April 14. The employee was quarantined and the other employees working at the plant were notified immediately of possible exposure to the virus. Employees with known close contact, to the individual testing positive, have also been quarantined. The facility will continue to be cleaned with sanitizers proven effective against COVID-19 and production will be modified to allow for increased distancing, as well as, providing additional protective gear to all employees.

In addition, Burgers' Smokehouse has taken significant additional measures to protect the health and safety of employees including:

- Required daily temperature checks at all facilities
- Reinforcing CDC recommendations concerning personal hygiene to all employees
- Imposed strict travel restrictions for all employees
- Implemented visitor restrictions at facilities
- Closed the on-site retail store at the California, MO site
- Intensified cleaning and sanitation of break rooms and restrooms
- Implemented a relaxed attendance policy for the duration of the crisis

"Burgers' Smokehouse will continue to follow CDC guidelines and work with the Moniteau County Health Center to protect employees," said, Steven Burger, President, Burgers' Smokehouse. "The health and safety of our employees is our first priority. We are proud of their efforts to provide our nation with a reliable food supply during this national emergency. We offer our prayers & support for a quick recovery to the family affected by the COVID-19 virus."

The CDC has said there is no evidence to support the transmission of COVID-19 to food and packaging.

About Burgers' Smokehouse & subsidiaries

Burgers' Smokehouse has been the trusted provider of wholesome & authentic specialty meats and foods since 1927. They are the largest producer of country ham, including cooked country ham, in the U.S. selling under the Burgers' Smokehouse, Clifty Farm Country Meats & Hobe's Country Ham brands. The company additionally sells smoked & sugar-cured hams, dry cured bacon, smoked poultry, summer sausage, and over a dozen more specialty meat items to grocery stores, restaurants, and directly to consumers through mail order and e-commerce. To learn more visit www.smokehouse.com.

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