

Full statement from JBS:

"The Worthington facility has undergone mass COVID-19 testing and participates in contact tracing in partnership with local health authorities. We are completely committed to providing a safe working environment and ensuring our team members can perform their important work of helping feed the country.

"Conversations with health officials during the height of the COVID-19 situation in Worthington were constantly evolving, though we remained in continuous communication. We made testing available for all of our team members and worked closely with the health department. We promptly provided information to the health department regarding employees who we knew had tested positive. Our duty to protect the otherwise private information of employees who had not tested positive was not clear at the time, but we ultimately resolved this with the health department and provided the full roster.

"During the coronavirus pandemic, our priority has been to maintain the health and safety of our team members, to keep the virus out of our facility and to help keep our community safe. We have maintained jobs, did not furlough anyone, and relaxed attendance policies to ensure that anyone impacted by the virus can safely stay at home, quarantine or seek medical attention if needed."