

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKER

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 16, 2020, the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that “if you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.”

On March 19, 2020, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued guidance on an initial list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” in which Food & Agriculture was listed.

On March 24, 2020, Governor Mike Parson approved a request from Dr. Randall Williams, Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, to create a consistent directive across local governments for any individual or business that is part of the food supply chain. The directive states that “19 CSR 20-20.040 and 19 CSR 20-20.050 shall be waived to the extent necessary to remove the authority of a local health authority from closing or restricting the operations of a business which is a part of the food supply, whether that be agricultural production, manufacturing, distribution, or sale of food. This waiver shall not limit the authority of a local health authority from closing or restricting the operations of a retail food establishment.”

As such, the individual in possession of this letter is a “critical infrastructure industry employee” of the Food & Agriculture Industry and should be considered exempt from local restrictions such as curfews, shelter-in-place orders and other transportation restrictions when reporting to, returning from, or performing his or her work functions. We ask that you allow this individual to continue with his or her job in the interest of public health across Missouri and the nation.

Certified by:

_____ [Company Representative]

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