Retail Supply Chain Update
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Amazon: 8 warehouse workers have died from COVID-19

- The latest fatality was a worker at a warehouse facility in North Randall, OH (near Cleveland).
- The employee last went to work on April 30, the same day she was diagnosed. The company says it learned of her positive test results on May 8 and was informed of her death by her sister-in-law on May 18.
- The woman’s colleagues were notified of her positive test result verbally, according to Amazon spokesperson Lisa Levandowski.
- Amazon says it conducts contact tracing for every positive test, utilizing video surveillance to track employees’ locations and proximity to each other.

Perdue shares results of CDC report of visit to its processing facility in Maryland

- Following the presentation and tour at the Salisbury, Maryland location, the CDC summarized its visit in a memo summarizing the best practices the plant had implemented. The highlights include:
  - Temperature checking as a requirement to enter the facility;
  - Proper mask wearing;
  - Social distancing where possible, such as restrooms, break rooms, locker rooms, the cafeteria, and offices;
  - And installation of easily cleaned partitions between associates on the production line where adequate social distancing is not possible.
  - Hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the facility;
  - Automatic sinks in the bathrooms for handwashing;
  - Knee-pedal handwashing station associates are required to use each time they enter the processing floor;
  - Additional staff continuously cleans and sanitizes commonly touched surfaces during the two processing shifts;
  - And an external cleaning contractor thoroughly cleans and disinfects all plant spaces each weekend, except the processing space, which is sanitized by a separate contractor every 24 hours.
  - Translating informational and educational materials into the primary languages spoken among the workforce: English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole;
  - Displaying various CDC messages related to COVID-19 on posters and rotated on video monitors in common areas;
  - And hosting virtual Town Hall-style webinars at locations where Perdue has production operations, including Salisbury, to further facilitate an ongoing dialogue regarding COVID-19 with various local community leaders including pastors, healthcare professionals, elected officials, civic organizations, and more, to help reinforce the importance of social distancing, face covering use, and
handwashing, as well as to educate about signs, symptoms, and disease transmission at home and in the community when away from work.

- Suggestions provided by the CDC to further bolster Perdue’s existing safety efforts included:
  - Conducting periodic worksite assessments to identify COVID-19 risk and prevention strategies;
  - Continuing to provide specific and relevant training to management and associates on infection control, available in the three primary native languages spoken at the facility;
  - Ensuring continuation of proper hand hygiene practices;
  - Removing all fans from processing floor and consulting with a heating, ventilation and air conditioning engineer to ensure adequate ventilation in work areas;
  - Encouraging single-file movement with six-foot distance between each worker throughout facility, particularly at the main entrance;
  - Discouraging carpooling when possible, and provide guidance on how to minimize risk when carpooling is necessary;
  - And disinfection protocols if an associate becomes ill during work.

- The CDC also visited Perdue facilities in Accomac, Va., Milford, Del., and Georgetown, Del. Perdue and the CDC will share similar reports from those facilities once they become available.

**Clothing stores lead with steepest losses for retail in April 2020**

- According to latest estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, the entire retail industry suffered dramatic sales declines, with clothing, electronics and furniture stores hit particularly hard by stay-at-home orders.
Clothing Stores Lead Steep Losses for U.S. Retailers

Estimated change in retail and food services sales in the U.S. in April 2020 (from March 2020)*

-78.8% Clothing & accessories stores
-60.6% Electronics & appliance stores
-58.7% Furniture & home furnishing stores
-38.0% Sporting goods, hobby & book stores
-29.5% Food services & drinking places
-28.8% Gasoline stations
-24.7% Miscellaneous store retailers
-20.8% General merchandise stores
-15.2% Health & personal care stores
-13.1% Food & beverage stores
-12.4% Motor vehicle & parts dealers
-3.5% Building material & garden dealers
+8.4% Nonstore retailers

Total retail sales -16.4%

* Advance estimates based on a subsample of the Census Bureau’s full retail and food services sample; seasonally adjusted

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
U.S. Retail Sales Drop to Lowest Level Since 2012 Amid Lockdown

- In total, retail and food services sales amounted $403.9 billion in April, the lowest level on record since August 2012 – and that’s not even accounting for inflation.