



Press Release

**OLYME PLANT IN RED DEER : UPDATE ON COVID-19  
THE 13 EMPLOYEES PLACED IN ISOLATION AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF ONE CASE  
HAVE NOT CONTRACTED COVID-19 AND RECEIVED NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS**

**Red Deer, Alberta, Thursday, August 20, 2020** — As confirmed by Olymel on August 14, the company recorded the first case of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic at its pig slaughter and cutting plant in Red Deer, Alberta, a facility that employs more than 1600 people. Following the discovery of this first case, the company set in motion its detection protocol and asked 13 employees who may have been in contact with their colleague who tested positive to stay at home and take the steps to pass a virus detection test. At the end of this procedure, all 13 employees tested obtained negative results and will therefore be able to resume their work shortly. The only employee who tested positive remains in isolation and Olymel wishes her a quick recovery.

Since the beginning of March, the Olymel plant in Red Deer, Alberta, has implemented a series of measures to combat the spread of the virus: sorting at the entrance to the plant, taking the temperature, adding staff, regular disinfection of common areas, information by posting, adjustment of schedules to avoid staff crossing, addition of numerous personal protection and social distancing equipment, wearing of masks, face shields, plexiglass dividers, advices from medical experts, etc. The company is convinced that the rigorous application of all these measures since last March has helped prevent contamination to date.

Following the discovery of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 last week, provincial public health authorities (Alberta Health Services) and the Occupational Health & Safety organization in Alberta conducted a plant tour on Tuesday, August 18 and were satisfied with the measures put in place.

The Olymel Red Deer facility is therefore continuing its operations while maintaining in place the numerous sanitary measures aimed at countering the spread of the Covid-19 virus and allowing its employees to stay healthy. As the virus is considered to be still active in the community by the Alberta health authorities, Olymel recommends that its employees take all necessary precautions to protect themselves both inside and outside the facility at Red Deer.

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