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Fwd: FW: Tyson in Center, Shelby County, Texas

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From: <allison.harbison@[redacted]>
Date: Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 12:40 PM
Subject: FW: Tyson in Center, Shelby County, Texas
To: <[redacted]>

Below is the communication with DSHS regarding Tyson.

Regards,

Allison Harbison
Shelby County Judge
[200 San Augustine Street](#), Box 6
Center, Texas 75935



From: Huff, Sharon (DSHS) <Sharon.Huff@[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Allison Harbison <Allison.harbison@[redacted]>
Cc: shelbyemc@[redacted] Nicholson, Calvin J (DSHS) <Calvin.Nicholson@[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Tyson in Center, Shelby County, Texas

Thank you for this information and we do understand your position.

I would like to share updates with you and Dr. Singson regarding action that DSHS has taken. Please let me know when a good time would be or feel free to call me directly at your convenience; if I recall correctly your commissioner's court is actually in session today.

You had also inquired as to who has regulatory authority from the food safety

standpoint of the plant; we have researched this and I would like to share that information with you.

Jurisdiction lies with the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. The USDA FSIS regional office that covers this plant is located in Dallas.

Contact information:

Dr. Jennifer Beasley-McKean, DM



My understanding of the process is that there may be multiple USDA employed veterinarians working in the plant. I am concerned these USDA employees may have been exposed and are unaware. Likewise I am concerned that the USDA is unaware that confirmed COVID-19 cases were working in the plant while symptomatic.

Our current count is that there are 12 Tyson employees residing in Shelby County who are confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 1 death and 1 who is critically ill in the ICU.

We look forward to continued coordination on this issue and I hope to discuss with you soon.

Sharon

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From: Allison Harbison [<mailto:Allison.harbison@co.shelby.tx.us>]
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To: Huff, Sharon (DSHS) <Sharon.Huff@dshs.texas.gov>
Cc: Nicholson, Calvin J (DSHS) <Calvin.Nicholson@dshs.texas.gov>; shelbyemc@co.shelby.tx.us
Subject: Tyson in Center, Shelby County, Texas

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Dr. Huff,

I do not feel that the Tyson plant is going to close voluntarily. I feel that since they are an essential business, I do not have the authority to order them to close. Therefore, I feel the order should come from DSHS or Governor Abbott.

Please let me know what step that I need to take next.

Sincerely,

Allison Harbison

Shelby County Judge

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