From: Debra Bradley
To: Madeline McClain
Cc: Mary Robertson; Stephanie Malita
Subject: RE: KQ2 Information request- Deadline 5pm
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:50:36 PM

Hi Maddie,

1. No, we have not received any further complaints.
2. No, that is not the role of local public health regarding meat processing plants.

Have a nice weekend.
I hope you hare staying safe and well!
Debra

Debra Bradley, MSW
Director of Health
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From: Madeline McClain <mmcclain@kq2.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Debra Bradley <dbradley@stjoemo.org>
Subject: Re: KQ2 Information request- Deadline 5pm

Thank you. We are finally airing our story today.

I just spoke to OSHA about their May 1 open inspection for Triumph and a local union rep about unsafe conditions and concerns at Triumph and Tyson.

Just wanted to follow up since it's been a few days since your interview with Jodie and our emails.

1). Has the health department received any additional complaints against Triumph this week?

2). Triumph has assured the health department that it is following protocols about masks, social distancing, and other health and safety guidelines. With the death of a Triumph employee, is the health department doing any independent inspections or checks regarding workers' safety and health at the plant?

Thank you for your time,
Maddie

From: Debra Bradley <dbradley@stjoemo.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:12 PM
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1. We had one complaint however it had to do with how someone spoke with an employee, not COVID-19.
2. Early on we had complaints about Altec not spreading people out. Our nursing staff were already in conversations with them so they provided the education. We have not received complaints on the others.
3. When we received a complaint, we try to get as many facts as possible. We then ask one of the Environmental Public Health Specialist (EPHS) into the location to see if they can confirm what the complainant reported. Regardless if they see it or not, there is a conversation that takes place with the manager/owner regarding the complaint and what is expected of the business under the order. If the EPHS confirms a violation they provide the manager/owner with a letter stating the violations. If the manager/owner wants to challenge the letter they are to contact me to set up a review. If the EPHS receives further complaint(s) they return to discuss with the manager/owner. From the second visit on, the EPHS have the authority to recommend a summons be issued from Municipal Court.

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From: Madeline McClain <mmcclain@kq2.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 2:28 PM
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Cc: Mary Robertson <mrobertson@stjoemo.org>
Subject: Re: KQ2 Information request- Deadline 5pm

Debra,

Thanks for replying so quickly and I'm staying healthy. I hope you are as well.

Follow up questions:

Has the city received any complaints about Triumph Foods since the beginning of March?
Has the city received any complaints about any other manufacturer since the beginning of March? (Daily's, Nestle-Purina, Tyson, National Beef Leathers-National Carriers)
What is the complaint investigation look like? When do you actually go in and investigate?

Thank you for your time,
Maddie

From: Debra Bradley <dbradley@stjoemo.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Madeline McClain <mmcclain@kq2.com>; Stephanie Malita <smalita@stjoemo.org>
Cc: Mary Robertson <mrobertson@stjoemo.org>
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Hi Madeline,
I saw that they mayor responded and explained our limited authority for agricultural manufacturing. We do look into all complaints as the mayor mentioned as well. The health department has been in constant communication with Triumph Foods even prior to the testing of employees regarding the steps they have taken to mitigate the spread of the virus. They have been very cooperative with any request we have had. We have no reason to believe they are not doing what has been asked of them now.

Hope you are staying well!
Debra

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Director of Health

City of St. Joseph Health Department

From: Madeline McClain <mmcclain@kq2.com>
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To: Debra Bradley <dbradley@stjoemo.org>; Stephanie Malita <smalita@stjoemo.org>
Subject: KQ2 Information request- Deadline 5pm

Hello,

We plan to air the interview Debra did with Jodie the other night about Triumph inspections and plans to ensure worker safety.

In the interview, Debra said, multiple times that we just have to trust that Triumph foods is doing the right thing. That was the essential reply to Jodie's questions about workers wearing masks, a clean work environment, and whether the City would do any spot-checks at the plant.

Just as a follow-up, about why we are just trusting employers to do the right thing? I have no evidence or reason to believe they are not, other than the fact that at least 412 employees tested positive at the plant out of 2,367 so far.

Why does the City have no plans to inspect Triumph Foods because they have no authority/power to do it? Does the "Critical Infrastructure" designation put limitations on the department? Is there not enough manpower to do those checks?

Thank you for your time,
Maddie

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