

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Employees,

By now you may have read or seen the news of California Governor Gavin Newsom issuing an Executive Order urging Californians to stay home except for essential needs. The order, which goes into effect immediately and will stay in effect until further notice, requires that people stay home except to get food, care for a relative or friend, get necessary health care, or go to an essential job.

Importantly, the order states, “the supply chain must continue, and Californians must have access to such necessities as food, prescriptions, and healthcare.” Furthermore, the order references the need to protect the nation’s critical food supply infrastructure, which includes both food and beverages. We provide the essential food and beverages people increasingly need.

We understand how this Order dramatically heightens everyone’s sensitivities and concerns. **Please know that we will continue to operate our facilities and make deliveries because we produce items that are considered essential for our families, friends, neighbors and communities – and for the stores and restaurants that serve them.**

We are fortunate to play a unique role as we help to maintain and support our neighbors’ health and spirits. And we help our customers stay in business, which in turns helps our local economies, which so desperately need it at times like this.

It’s hard to predict how long this pandemic will last, what actions elected officials will take or how our communities will be impacted longer term. But we can be certain we will get through this, and that your hard work is an inspiration to everyone we serve.

Don’t forget that we’re in this together. I hope you can all feel proud of the pivotal role we are playing in supporting our communities and our customers in this unprecedented time of need.

Sincerely,