

Positive tests at Westcrown in Dissen



Dissen, May 18, 2020. At Westcrown, a cutting plant specialized on sow-meat, employees have tested positive for corona virus. Westcrown is a 50:50 joint venture between Danish Crown and Westfleisch with a total of approximately 300 employees. All appropriate measures have already been initiated and the responsible parties are in close contact with all relevant authorities. All those affected are in domestic quarantine, as are their contact persons. Westcrown follows the recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute in dealing with those affected and its other employees.

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"Now we have to analyze the reasons for the test result as quickly as possible," explains Mario Kohlwes, member of the Westcrown management board. The local health authorities are providing the best possible support. Heinrich Blick, also member of the Westcrown management board, adds: "The exact pathways of possible infection associations must now be comprehensively investigated." The meat centre will remain closed for the time being.

To prevent a pandemic, Westcrown took a number of measures several weeks ago to provide the best possible protection for employees in the meat centre. These measures include wearing a mouth and nose mask after entering the meat centre, preventing further contacts in break rooms, extended protective clothing regulations, additional hygiene stations and multilingual instructions on the importance of hygiene and behaviour measures.

This clear, daily approach to employees about the correct behaviour in this special situation covers the operational area as well as the transfer routes between the company and home and the behaviour after work. In areas where the recommended distance cannot be maintained at all times due to the work process (e.g. corridors between machines), employees wear the special protective masks recommended by the Robert Koch Institute instead of the obligatory mouth and nose masks.

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