

# From now on, Westfleisch will be testing all staff, every day



*Testing procedures previously carried out on a weekly basis will now be conducted every day / Results will be returned by external laboratories within a few hours*

Münster, 26th June 2020. Westfleisch, one of Germany's leading meat processors, will begin to implement daily testing of all the company's approximately 5,000 production staff and associated employees over the next few weeks. "Testing every weekday will enable us to identify infected individuals and chains of infection more rapidly and contain any infection promptly," explains Steen Sönnichsen, member of the Executive Board of Westfleisch SCE. For the past four weeks, the company has been testing all production employees in the course of a weekly cycle, but now the frequency will be increased.

Tests will be conducted by on-site medical officers or external organisations and results evaluated by certified external laboratories. "With this system, we will have access to test results within a few short hours and will then be able to take immediate action as necessary," Sönnichsen said emphatically.

Daily testing is just one element of the coronavirus hygiene policy that has been in place at Westfleisch since the beginning of the year, and which is continually updated by the cooperative. "It would be negligent of us not to learn from events both within and outside our branch. We are observing new developments closely, analysing them in detail and then adapting our own measures accordingly," says Sönnichsen. "And it is quite clear that random sample testing is simply not enough."

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