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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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Salm Partners has received results for the free, voluntary COVID-19 testing provide to all employees. Over a period of several days employees were tested at two Denmark facilities. Testing was arranged and procured by Salm Partners and executed with support from Brown County Health.

“Our primary goal is to protect our partners, community, and customers. Public health officials have indicated that expanded testing is one of the best ways to combat the spread of COVID-19,” said Keith Lindsey, CEO of Salm Partners. “We felt that testing would help identify people who carry the virus but show no symptoms and help our partners feel safe that the majority of people they’re working with have tested negative for the virus.”

“Salm Partners, in cooperation with Brown County health, provided testing to their Brown County workforce on Friday,” said Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach. “This is an extraordinary step and I want to thank them for prioritizing the testing, as it has allowed them to recognize people carrying the virus without symptoms, which helps protect the health of their people, their families, and the Brown County community.”

Out of 346 tests, there were 17 new cases of COVID-19 discovered, or 5% of total tests. The State of Wisconsin’s positive test percentage was 8.5% on April 28. With these new results, Salm Partners has had 35 partners test positive out of its 600 total partners (this employee number includes temporary workers). There has been no confirmed evidence that individuals contracted the virus in the workplace.

“Since this is one of the first companywide tests in the state, this data will provide valuable insights to the Brown County Health Department,” Lindsey said. “Through this testing, we have further enhanced the leading COVID-19 defenses we have in place at Salm Partners.”

The company wants to stress that the test indicates if someone has the virus at a point in time. To continue to remain virus free, all partners and community members should follow the CDC’s guidelines of social distancing, staying home when sick, washing surfaces frequently, not touching the face, and wearing masks in public. Salm Partners is working with outside sources to develop a plan for ongoing coronavirus testing for partners.

Partners who tested positive have been referred to health care professionals, and then quarantined for the period required by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local public health authorities. Testing results are confidential, and the company will not identify individuals who test positive.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Salm Partners refers to all employees as “partners.”