The National Chicken Council, Virginia Poultry Federation and Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. commend all Virginians who are keeping the state's largest agricultural industry going during these difficult times while helping feed our families.

Keeping Virginia's poultry industry employees safe and healthy is our top priority.

In response to COVID-19, poultry companies are increasing protective measures to help keep employees safe and healthy by following recommendations from the CDC. These include:

• Increasing cleaning and sanitation frequencies and intensities for equipment and common areas
• Increasing frequency of handwashing and sanitation for employees
• Heightening employee screening for any signs of illness
• Practicing social distancing
• Implementing travel restrictions and only allowing essential personnel into the plant
• Educating employees about the virus and ways to reduce exposure
• Providing personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks and gloves
• Installing plastic dividers between workstations and in breakrooms
• Requiring employees to stay home if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19

We need you to be a partner to help us keep everyone safe.

When you're not at work, stay home, wash your hands often, do not have large gatherings at home with friends and family, stay 6 feet from others, disinfect surfaces that are touched frequently and wear a face covering or mask. If someone staying at your home is COVID-19 positive, ask for additional guidance from your employer or health care provider on ways to protect yourself and your family.