SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR A VIRTUAL Q&A

With social distancing and stay-at-home orders as our new reality, we’ve designed a new series to help you stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. Simply submit a question, and we’ll publish video responses from senior leaders in an email distributed across the company. It’s a great way to stay informed about company business and learn more about what we are doing to provide aid and comfort during the crisis.

Submit Your Question

THE K-12 HAIRNET HEROES
BEHIND 13 MILLION MEALS

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MEET OUR HEROES; READ THEIR STORIES

Maybe you've seen this tweet, or the #HeroesWearHairnets hashtag. Maybe you've read about our K-12 teams in the news. With incredible dedication and commitment to their communities, our K-12 teams on the frontlines have served more than 13 MILLION MEALS since schools have been shut down. We'd like to introduce you to a few of them and tell you about some of the work that is taking place at schools all across the country.

- Margie (above, left) is a head cook at Anson Middle School in Texas. She says she enjoys "taking lunch to our sweet kids." Cecily (above, right) of Grape Creek Elementary School in Texas says serving children during COVID-19 means that she knows they are eating every day: "Otherwise they may not receive a meal, especially if their parents are laid off of work." And Lulu (above, center) is part of the team at Northwest Independent School District, also in Texas, where our staff is being recognized on social media.

In other K-12 schools:

- Chicago Public Schools has one of the most ambitious free meal programs in the country, and has served more than 2.8 million meals.
- One of our West Chicago employees, Juana White Ferrara, made face masks for the entire staff after the team's safety talk.
- Our Pflugerville, Texas team added a roll of toilet paper to one of their grab-and-go meals, which brought a smile to the faces of the recipients.
- The team at the Stephen Decatur Middle School in Maryland were deeply moved by a nurse who picked up meals for her children. She was in tears, "literally crying while thanking us" they said.
- In Lockport, NY, our team received an extra surprise — a sidewalk chalk thank you (below).

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OUR CHEFS ARE 'ALL HEARTH' IN TODAY'S TOUGH TIMES

Keeping busy in their kitchens, our chefs are helping us cope.

Over the last few weeks, several of our chefs have kept their saw sharp by (safely) sharing recipes. Whether it's through video sessions or recipe blogs, they continue to create engaging experience for clients, customers—even baseball fans. Here are just a few examples of their creative contributions:

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• Chef Dylan France (top left), Senior Executive Chef at eBay in San Jose, CA, created the series Shelter in the Kitchen, in which he demonstrates simple recipes using a few common ingredients.

• Chefs Cedrik, Sven, and Tassilo (top right; right to left) from Aramark Germany create everything from carbonara to chocolate cake in their self-produced home kitchen series.

• Chef Thomas Ramirez (bottom left) and General Manager Bill McClure partnered with clients from The Grove in Anaheim to virtualize The KitchenSync, a series typically held in person for invited guests like clients, partners, and party planners from the surrounding area. They provided viewers with valuable tips, tricks, and recipes to try at home, while keeping a sense of community alive at the Grove through this unique platform.

• Chef Johnny Woychick paired up with Kansas City Royals’ second baseman Nicky Lopez (bottom right) and his wife for an edition of Eat Like Royalty to keep the spirit alive for fans who are sorely missing baseball season. See what they created.

• Our Leisure chefs have curated a collection of cook-at-home recipes from some of our favorite parks and destinations.

SOCIAL SPOTLIGHTS

IN THE NEWS...
Here's a sampling of the positive news coverage from just the last few days:

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NEW YORK’S PIX11 ON NYC HEALTHCARE HEROES

TV station Pix11 (video above) covered the first deliveries of relief packages for the city's healthcare workers. With help from Aramark, more than 300,000 packages of food, household cleaning and personal care products will be provided to city-wide hospital staffers on the front lines of COVID-19.

“The eyes of the world are on you and you have made New York City so proud,” said Mayor Bill de Blasio.

FOX BUSINESS GIVES US PROPS

Fox Business News ran a segment about our work to convert a Uniforms site into a "full-fledged protective gear-making operation for the front lines -- props to them for kicking into gear to help our first responders, doctors and medics."

WHYY Philadelphia also reported on the story, saying we expect "to make millions of masks, scrubs and gowns."
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The Downers Grove, Illinois Patch noted that we are partnering with local school districts to create the Wood-Grove Feeding Our Future Cooperative, a new collaborative community effort to ensure all children up to 18 receive a breakfast and lunch six days a week. A similar program is taking place in New Palestine, Indiana, according to the Greenfield Reporter. Grab-and-go meals include both breakfast and lunch, and Friday's meal includes food for Saturdays and Sundays.

SHOW US HOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE HONORING THE EARTH

HOW DO I LOVE THEE?

April 22 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, and encouraged people to learn more about pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues.

And even though we're social distancing, we can align with and implement many aspects of our Be Well. Do Well. sustainability plan.

How are you and your family honoring the Earth during COVID-19? Are you supporting local businesses? Are you conserving water and energy, or minimizing food waste through creative menus or composting food scraps? Are you using fewer plastics?

Tell us about it! Send us a photo and a little information about your efforts by April 22 and we'll feature them in one of next week's Mark Online newsletters. Email us at internalcommunications@aramark.com.

SELF-CARE CORNER: HELPFUL RESOURCES

INFORMATION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

New! SAFE Brief on Minding Your Mental Health

Subscribe to our email list.
In times of crisis, it is important that we are aware of and acknowledge our own emotions. There are lots of things we can try that could help our wellbeing. Read this SAFE Brief on Minding Your Mental Health, available in both English and Spanish.

We also encourage employees to take advantage of the Employee Assistance Program, available to all employees and family members, to manage anxiety and fears. Food and Support Services call 1-888-636-6717 or http://mycigna.com; Uniforms employees call 1-855-205-9180 or www.liveandworkwell.com.

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