



**Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**  
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## **Supervisors Shea and Ortiz-Velez Demand Public Disclosure of Covid-19 Cases at Smithfield Foods in Cudahy**

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee County Supervisors Steve Shea and Sylvia Ortiz-Velez are demanding that the City of Cudahy and Smithfield Foods publicly disclose the number of employees who have tested positive for Covid-19 at Smithfield's Cudahy meatpacking facility.

*"We are in the midst of a public health emergency. People have a right know the truth about what appears to be a catastrophic outbreak in the own backyards. Workers have a right to know what risks they've been exposed to. I'm concerned that local elected officials are evading the public and the media and apparently colluding with Smithfield to hide the truth," said **Supervisor Shea**.*

*A large number of Smithfield employees live in my district and I believe the outbreak at the Cudahy plant is the reason for the current spike in Covid-19 cases in the 53215 ZIP code. Smithfield's insistence on operating its facility during the Covid-19 pandemic may well have made the situation worse, and needlessly put thousands of people at risk of infection," said **Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez**.*

[Supervisor Shea](#) represents the [8<sup>th</sup> District](#) on the Board of Supervisors, which includes, Cudahy, St. Francis, and South Milwaukee.

[Supervisor Ortiz-Velez](#) represents the [12<sup>th</sup> District](#), which includes much of Milwaukee's heavily Latino south side neighborhoods. The 53215 ZIP code, located within the 12 District, has seen a [significant increase](#) in Covid-19 cases in recent weeks.

Numerous media outlets have reported that the City of Cudahy and Smithfield Foods are refusing to release any information on the number of Covid-19 cases at the Cudahy plant, or other relevant details that are essential to protecting public health.

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