

## **OFS Carrollton Facility on Weekend Shutdown for Cleaning After Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19**

**Carrollton, Georgia, March 27, 2020** - OFS is temporarily suspending production at its Carrollton, Georgia cable facility for the weekend after a worker there tested positive for the coronavirus disease COVID-19.

The employee has not been in the plant since March 19, 2020.

"We will be closing the plant over the weekend to perform precautionary deep cleaning of manufacturing, office and common spaces out of an abundance of caution. These actions are being taken to help ensure the well-being of employees, their families, and the local community," said Steven Beasley, General Manager Carrollton Cable Facility.

"One employee working in close proximity to the affected individual has been notified, and, although the employee has not presented with symptoms, has been asked to self-quarantine," continued Beasley. "All OFS employees in the Carrollton facility have been told to monitor for symptoms, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath."

"We will continue to work closely with public health officials, local hospitals, and the CDC for the prevention of future cases and appropriate notifications, as well as with our customers, suppliers and other stakeholders who may be affected by this temporary shutdown," stated Beasley.

OFS optical fiber, cable and connectivity businesses have been categorized as a critical infrastructure industry by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as noted in its March 19, 2020, *Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers during COVID-19 Response*. OFS directly supports key industries including telecommunications, medical, transportation, energy and defense.