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Bueno Foods partners with state agencies to bring COVID-19 testing to employees, their families, South Valley community

ALBUQUERQUE — Bueno Foods, a family-owned and operated food manufacturer in Albuquerque, partnered with the New Mexico Environment Department and the Department of Health to organize COVID-19 testing events for Bueno's 350 employees, their families and communities in Albuquerque's South Valley starting next week.



"We are a family business with deep roots in this community," said Gene Baca, senior vice president of Bueno Foods. "Our employees and their families live in some of the most impacted communities in the state. This is just one more way we can help our employees, their families and the southwestern Albuquerque community stay healthy."

Curative testing – a type of COVID-19 test which uses oral swabs instead of nasal swabs – will occur from noon to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Department of Health mobile testing vans at the Bueno Foods facility located at 2001 4th St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

"Since the start of the pandemic, the Environment Department has worked with restaurants, grocery stores and food manufacturers like Bueno Foods. As southwest Albuquerque's COVID-19 numbers continued to rise, Gene stepped up. I applaud Bueno Foods' leadership," said NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. "The quickest way to move our state from red to green is to increase testing and this partnership will help."

"Increasing testing numbers in New Mexico is critical in our fight against COVID-19," said Department of Health Acting Cabinet Secretary Billy Jimenez. "Efforts like these mean more testing and better public health outcomes for New Mexicans."

Employees of Bueno Foods, their families and community members can register online at <https://curative.com> by typing in ZIP code "87102" and selecting the "Bueno Foods" site. Registration at the test site will also be available.

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