

**► Update on our response to the COVID-19****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Cost-U-Less St. Thomas Closes Temporarily After Staff Members Test Positive for COVID-19**

**BOCA RATON, August 3, 2021** – Cost-U-Less St. Thomas has temporarily closed its doors as a precautionary measure after a small number of staff members tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend.

Affected staff members last worked in the store on July 30, 2021 between 8:00AM - 12:00PM and were symptom-free during their shifts. All employees have been tested; close contacts of positive cases have been notified and are isolating. 40 staff members of the St. Thomas store are already vaccinated and all Cost-U-Less employees are encouraged to be vaccinated as long as it is safe for them to do so.

In response to the positive tests and temporary store closure, Kevin Proctor, President - Cost-U-Less, states, “The safety of our team members and customers is our top priority. We address any confirmed positive test in our stores with a comprehensive plan including deep cleaning, contact tracing and direct communication with our teams.”

He adds, “We rolled out and continue to practice extensive safety measures in our stores and are working hand-in-hand with the Department of Health to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep everyone in our stores safe.”

Cost-U-Less implemented strict cleaning and safety protocols at the beginning of the pandemic and continues to follow them rigorously; the store is undergoing a deep clean and sanitization and will reopen as soon as practical and safe to do so. Updates on reopening will be posted on the St. Thomas Cost-U-Less Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/culstthomas/>.

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