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### Trivia!

What is a Master Broker?

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## Industry News

### ***Life in the COVID-19 Era***

### **Reopening Office Space in COVID-19 Era**

Every part of office life is being re-examined. As Americans file back to work, wearing face masks, work life looks a lot different. Many cafeterias will not be opened, coffee makers will be unplugged, elevators may only take one person at a time. Some offices will rotate workers in every other day in order to keep social distancing practices enforced. Desks will be placed further apart and some will be covered with plastic shields. “The office adaptations reverse a decades long push in America corporations to cram workers into tighter spaces, with few separations between colleagues. Companies once spent millions of dollars retrofitting spaces to create rows of open desks, intimate conference rooms and elaborate communal gathering areas.” Hallways and stairwells will become one-way marked with arrows. If companies elect to take employees’ temperatures, then start time to come to work will have to be staggered in order that people do not congregate. ■

*Chip Cutler, WSJ, 5/12/2020*

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### Recent Savings

#### Laptops and PCs

Savings were over 41% of total spend. ■

#### Warehouse Labels

Savings were over 32% of total spend. ■

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## Beef Items Cut Back

As the Coronavirus hits meat plants, Wendy's Co. has limited menu items, including fresh beef hamburgers at some locations. A spokesperson from Wendy's Dublin, Ohio location said their location has been able to supply its restaurant with hamburgers so far, but some menu items may be limited on a temporary basis during this meat-supply crunch. In the 1980's, Wendy's was famously known for their "Where's the Beef?" television ad. The restaurant only serves fresh beef in their 5,850 US locations, making them more vulnerable to supply shortages. An analysis of 185 Wendy's restaurants revealed up to 10% of them had taken beef off their menus.

Around 20% of meat packing plants from Pennsylvania to Washington state temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 outbreaks, reducing the country's overall beef production by 35% compared to a year ago. Meat production remains below normal levels as plants are forced to slow operations as some workers are nervous to report back to work. "The supply problem is adding to the financial woes of restaurants grappling with big sales losses since the Coronavirus forced dine-in closures across the country.". The restaurant business is now beginning to see improvement as they slowly begin to open the businesses up again. ■

Heather Haddon, WSJ, 5/6/2020

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q:** How can I subscribe or unsubscribe to these newsletters?

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**Q:** I have run events in the past, is there any chance I could be saving more?

**A:** Yes. No matter when your past event ran, the team at SafeSourcing can find ways for your company to save.

**Q:** I want to know more about what SafeSourcing does. Who can I talk to about this?

**A:** You can contact a customer services representative by calling us at 1-888-261-9070 or by going to our [website](#) and trying our "Risk Free Trial" offer.

## When Will Hand Sanitizer and Cleaning Products be Back on Shelves?

NBC investigative and consumer correspondent Vicky Nguyen answered when out-of-stock items will be widely available again and what to do in the meantime. Disinfectants and wipes will likely be back in stock in June and July. Clorox and Lysol, have said that they've ramped up production as much as they can, but "because China is where a lot of the raw materials come from, and China was so affected with shutdowns, that's why we're seeing that trickle effect."

If you tried buying cleaning products online but have been unsuccessful, and if you can't safely leave your house, you can try the alternative recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Mix one-third cup of bleach with one gallon of water to make a cleaning solution, or buy hydrogen peroxide and put it in a spray bottle before use. You must remember to let it dry because it needs those minutes to kill the virus. The hype around hand sanitizer seems to have slowed. If you don't have any though, soap and water is always the best alternative.

*Maura Hohman and Vicky Nguyen, Today, 4/28/2020*

## Trivia! From May 2020 Issue

What is a non-quote

During a bidding event, a non-quote indicates if a host is willing to allow participating vendors not to quote and still have access to the event. If the host is not allowing non-quotes, then any participant who does not quote within the non-quotes threshold time set by the host will be disabled from the event and will not have access back into the event.

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