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USA: Major c-stores retailers to add 200,000 jobs during coronavirus pandemic

Walmart, Dollar Tree and 7-Eleven announced their plans to hire 200.000 workers as the coronavirus pandemic continues to sweep through the country.



Largest chains in the convenience-retailing industry Walmart, Dollar Tree and 7-Eleven announced they will hire around 200.000 new workers in the near future to meet increased demand for products and services amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Walmart said it plans to hire 150,000 temporary workers by the end of May to work in stores, clubs, distribution centers and fulfillment centers.

"These roles will be temporary at first, but many will convert to permanent roles over time," Walmart said in a press release. "We've reached out to industry groups representing restaurants and hospitality to facilitate temporary roles that can be a bridge for their employees during this difficult time."

Dollar Tree, which also owns Family Dollar, announced it's hiring 25,000 full- and part-time workers for its 15,000 US stores and 24 distribution centers. The company is looking to hire cashiers and stockers at its retail stores, and fillers and equipment operators at its distribution centers.

"We are committed to serving our communities by providing customers with critical essentials, especially during times of uncertainty," CEO Gary Philbin said in a press release.

C-store giant 7-Eleven expects 20,000 new store employees to be hired by 7-Eleven, Inc. or by independent 7-Eleven franchised business owners. The company said in a release that it anticipates to have a "surge in mobile orders" for its mobile app as people are forced to stay at home following government recommendations.

"7-Eleven is a neighborhood store and it's our priority to serve the communities in which we operate during this unprecedented crisis," said 7-Eleven President and Chief Executive Officer Joe DePinto.