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CAN'T COME TO RETAL? RETAL CAN COME TO YOU!

With all visits to the RETAL PA factory in Donora cancelled due to coronavirus, the team decided to make a virtual tour instead...bringing RETAL to the community.

HR Manager Elizabeth Giecek explains how the video is a great way to stay in touch with the people of Donora, especially because tours had been planned for high school students from Monessen High School, just across the river from RETAL PA. Elizabeth says, "It is really important for us to keep in contact with our community, now more than ever, as we can all feel isolated. We were looking forward to taking students from Monessen on a tour of our facility as we are always keen to engage with potential employees and show them the range of careers available at RETAL."

Production Manager Matthew Durka takes us on a virtual factory tour of the plastic packaging producer's Donora plant, which employs 40 people across its 140,000 sq ft site, which opened in 2016 after taking over the Spartech Polycom location. His upbeat presentation and in-depth knowledge of the facility makes him the ideal host for the video, not least because he's worked at RETAL PA since it opened. Elizabeth adds, "We joke that Matt came with the building because he actually worked at Spartech Polycom for 14 years before we took over the space! We don't know what we'd do without him; he really knows his stuff and we're delighted that comes across in the video."

Filmed at the start of the pandemic but before masks were obligatory, the tour shows how production continued even with reduced staff and social distancing rules. The friendly, informative video is being used to show potential customers the various technical capabilities at RETAL PA as well as being an excellent showcase for career opportunities for the local community.

Watch the video here on RETAL's YouTube channel.

Aerial images by RPA president Darius Janulionis thanks to RPA process engineer (and pilot!) Greg Murrer.

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