UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 17, 2020

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)



Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-33174

83-3804854

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

968 James Street Syracuse, New York (Address of principal executive office)

13203

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (315) 424-0513

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Trading Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

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The NASDAQ Global Market

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

COVID-19 Informational Update

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Carrols" or the "Company") announced today that in compliance with national, state and local guidelines, Carrols is continuing to serve its guests at all of its Burger King® and Popeyes® restaurants at the counter for takeout and through the drive-thru in response to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak. Although not mandated in all of the jurisdictions where the Company operates, out of an abundance of caution, the dining rooms and playgrounds in all of the Company's Burger King and Popeyes restaurants are now closed.

Notably, take-out and drive-thru orders comprised approximately 76% of the Company's restaurant sales in 2019.

The Company is committed to the health and safety of our employees and customers, and will continue to cooperate with and support national efforts to contain COVID-19.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

Date: March 17, 2020

By: <u>/s/ Markus Hartmann</u>
Name: Markus Hartmann

Title: Vice President and General Counsel