

Statement From Applebee's® Franchisee Zane Tankel

Apple Metro has not reduced the hours of any current Team Members, and we have no intention to reduce hours in the future. In fact, we are going the other way, having hired more than 400 people and opened two new very large restaurants within the past 30 days.

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About Applebee's

Applebee's (www.applebees.com) is the world's largest casual dining chain, with approximately 2,000 locations in 49 states, 15 countries and one U.S. territory. Based in Kansas City, Mo., Applebee's takes pride in providing a welcoming, neighborhood environment where everyone can enjoy the dining experience. Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar® is a DineEquity, Inc. (NYSE: DIN) brand, and is franchised and operated by Applebee's Services, Inc. and its affiliates.

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