# 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): April 6, 2020

# Carter's, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-31829 (Commission File Number) 13-3912933 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Phipps Tower,

3438 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1800

Atlanta, Georgia 30326

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(678) 791-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common stock par value \$0.01 per share	CRI	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 ((§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ((§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 6, 2020, Carter's, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release providing an update on actions it is taking to address the COVID-19 outbreak, which include:

- With the safety of its customers and employees in mind, the Company has extended the temporary suspension of store operations in North America and will reopen them when it is clearly safe to do so.
- With the extended period for temporary store closures, all store employees were furloughed on April 3, 2020. Compensation payments to the Company's store employees will resume when its stores reopen and they are able to return to work; employee benefits will continue during the furlough.
- To support consumer demand for its brands in North America, the Company continues to make its brands available 24/7 online at www.carters.com, www.oshkosh.com, www.skiphop.com, www.cartersoshkosh.ca, and www.carters.com.mx. The Company's distribution centers continue to operate and fulfill online demand from consumers and its wholesale customers.
- The Company has provided compensation incentives and implemented workplace safety and health monitoring protocols to support the health and well-being of its distribution center employees.

In response to lower sales related to the global pandemic and extended payment terms by its wholesale customers, the Company has also taken the following steps to strengthen its financial position, including:

- cancellation and significant reduction of inventory commitments;
- extension of payment terms with suppliers, vendors, and landlords;
- reduction in planned capital expenditures;
- temporary salary reductions;
- furlough and reductions of office-based employees;
- suspension of merit increases, incentive compensation, and 401(k) matching contributions; and
- reduction of other variable and discretionary expenses.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits – The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	<u>Press release, dated April 6, 2020</u>
101	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
104	The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted as Inline XBRL

#### Signature

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

April 6, 2020

CARTER'S, INC.

By: /s/ Scott Duggan

Name: Scott Duggan Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

# carter's, inc.

**Contact:** Sean McHugh Vice President & Treasurer (678) 791-7615

### Carter's, Inc. Updates Actions Taken to Address COVID-19 Pandemic

ATLANTA, April 6, 2020 - Carter's, Inc. (NYSE:CRI), the largest branded marketer in North America of apparel exclusively for babies and young children, today provided an update on actions it is taking to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

"In recent weeks, Carter's has taken several steps to help address the significant impact of the global pandemic on its customers, employees, and business partners," said Michael D. Casey, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "With the safety of our customers and employees in mind, we have extended the temporary closure of our stores in North America and will reopen them when it is clearly safe to do so. We have strengthened our financial position by reducing inventory receipts, extending payment terms with suppliers and vendors, and implementing thoughtful and necessary cost reductions. With the support of our customers, employees, and business partners, we believe Carter's will be well-positioned to recover from the significant effects of this health crisis on our business."

Building on actions previously announced on March 26, 2020, the Company has taken the following steps to address the disruption related to COVID-19:

- With the extended period for temporary store closures, all store employees were furloughed on April 3, 2020. Compensation payments to the Company's store employees will resume when its stores reopen and they are able to return to work; employee benefits will continue during the furlough.
- To support consumer demand for its brands in North America, the Company continues to make its brands available 24/7 online at www.carters.com, www.oshkosh.com, www.skiphop.com, www.cartersoshkosh.ca, and www.carters.com.mx. The Company's distribution centers continue to operate and fulfill online demand from consumers and its wholesale customers.
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- reduction in planned capital expenditures;
- temporary salary reductions;
- furlough and reductions of office-based employees;
- suspension of merit increases, incentive compensation, and 401(k) matching contributions; and
- reduction of other variable and discretionary expenses.

The Company is pursuing additional opportunities to further improve its cost structure and financial flexibility in this challenging environment. As additional actions are taken, the Company intends to update stakeholders from time to time as events warrant.

#### About Carter's, Inc.

Carter's, Inc. is the largest branded marketer in North America of apparel exclusively for babies and young children. The Company owns the *Carter's* and *OshKosh B'gosh* brands, two of the most recognized brands in the marketplace. These brands are sold in leading department stores, national chains, and specialty retailers domestically and internationally. They are also sold through over 1,100 Company-operated stores in the United States, Canada, and Mexico and online at www.carters.com, www.oshkosh.com, www.cartersoshkosh.ca, and www.carters.com.mx. The Company's *Child of Mine* brand is available at Walmart, its *Just One You* brand is available at Target, and its *Simple Joys* brand is available on Amazon. The Company also owns *Skip Hop*, a global lifestyle brand for families with young children. Carter's is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Additional information may be found at www.carters.com.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws relating to our future performance, including statements with respect to planned store closures and cost cutting strategies. Such statements are based on current expectations only, and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize or not materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated, or projected. Certain of the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and performance to differ materially are described in the Company's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time under the headings "Risk Factors". Included among those risks are those related to: the effects of the current coronavirus outbreak; financial difficulties for one or more of our major customers; an overall decrease in consumer spending; our

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products not being accepted in the marketplace; increased competition in the market place; diminished value of our brands; the failure to protect our intellectual property; the failure to comply with applicable quality standards or regulations; unseasonable or extreme weather conditions; pending and threatened lawsuits; a breach of our information technology systems and the loss of personal data; increased margin pressures, including increased cost of materials and labor; our foreign sourcing arrangements; disruptions in our supply chain; the management and expansion of our business domestically and internationally; the acquisition and integration of other brands and businesses; and changes in our tax obligations, including additional customs duties or tariffs. The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.