

TO: Franklin County Colleagues
FROM: Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator
Cc: Franklin County Health Commissioner
City of Columbus Health Commissioner
DATE: August 27, 2020
RE: COVID-19 NOTIFICATION

Background

Guidance was issued by County Administration on March 25, 2020.

Pursuant to this guidance, if an employee of a county appointing authority (for example, a particular county agency) is notified that one of its employees tested positive for COVID-19 or has been isolated or quarantined based upon an exposure to COVID-19 by either a relevant public health agency or the infected/exposed employee, the county appointing authority shall notify its employees of this information, without disclosing the name of the employee. In the instance of an employee of an agency of the Board of Commissioners, it is the individual agency that shall notify all applicable employees of that particular agency.

In addition, each county appointing authority is requested to notify the County Administrator if any employee has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been isolated or quarantined based upon an exposure to COVID-19 by either a relevant public health agency or the infected/exposed employee. County Administration will send out email notifications to all county appointing authorities that may be affected by the potential exposure and will also advise the Health Commissioner for Franklin County Public Health. *County agencies may disseminate this information to their employees, as appropriate.*

At any point, if an employee is determined to be positive for COVID-19, the county will follow the process as outlined in the March 25, 2020 Guidance. Also note that the employee will not return to work until such time they are asymptomatic for 72 hours.

COVID-19 Updates

Franklin County Job and Family Services:

A contractor with Franklin County Job and Family Services (JFS) has indicated that one of the contractor's employees tested positive for COVID-19. The contractor was last on-site at Northland Village, 1721 Northland Park Avenue, on August 14, 2020. JFS will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.

Franklin County Engineer's Office:

An employee of the Franklin County Engineer's Office has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last on-site at 4801 Hendron Road, Groveport, at the East Maintenance Facility, on August 24, 2020. The Engineer's Office will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office:

Three deputies and one civilian working at the Franklin County Corrections Center II (Jackson Pike) tested positive for COVID-19. Deputy A was last on-site on August 13, 2020; Deputy B was last on-site August 18; Deputy C was last on-site August 20, 2020; and the civilian was last on-site on August 15, 2020. One deputy on patrol tested positive for COVID-19, and was last at work on August 20, 2020. On August 22, 2020, two inmates tested positive, one at the Franklin County Corrections Center I (Main Jail) and the second inmate at Jackson Pike. The Sheriff's Office will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments