

TO: Franklin County Colleagues
FROM: Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator
Cc: Franklin County Health Commissioner
City of Columbus Health Commissioner
DATE: May 18, 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:

One additional employee of Franklin County Job and Family Services has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last on premises at the West Opportunity Center, 314 N. Wilson Road, Columbus, on May 15, 2020. Franklin County Job and Family Services will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and Columbus Public Health Departments.

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch:

Two additional employees of the Juvenile Intervention Center have tested positive for COVID-19. The last date either employee was on-site was May 13 and May 15, 2020, respectively. The Court will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and Columbus Public Health Departments.

Franklin County Coroner's Office:

A family member who resides in the home of one of the employees of the Franklin County Coroner's Office has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee has been tested and was negative. The Franklin County Public Health Department has advised the employee to quarantine until May 27, 2020. The employee was last on-site on May 13, 2020.