TO: Franklin County Colleagues

FROM: Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator

Cc: Franklin County Health Commissioner
City of Columbus Health Commissioner

DATE: October 30, 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 Treasurer's Office:

An employee with the Franklin County Treasurer's Office tested positive for COVID-19 on October 29, 2020. The employee was last on-site at 373 S. High Street on October 23, 2020. The Treasurer's Office will work with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

An employee of Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last on-site at 2879 Johnstown Road on October 23, 2020. The Board will work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.

Franklin County Job and Family Services:

One employee with Franklin County Job and Family Services (JFS) tested positive for COVID-19. The employee tested positive on October 29, 2020, and was last on-site at the East Opportunity Center, 1055 Mt. Vernon Ave, on October 23, 2020. In addition, a household member of a JFS employee tested positive on October 29, 2020. The employee was last on-site at the Northland Center, 1721 Northland Park Ave, in April 2020. JFS will work with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office:

One inmate at the Franklin County Corrections Center II (Jackson Pike) tested positive for COVID-19 on October 26, 2020. One deputy working at Jackson Pike tested positive for COVID-19 on October 23, 2020, and was last on-site on October 18, 2020. Two deputies working at 410 S. High Street tested positive for COVID-19: Deputy A tested positive on October 23, 2020, and was last on-site on October 19, 2020; Deputy B tested positive on October 25, 2020, and was last on-site on October 22, 2020. One additional deputy tested positive for COVID-19 on October 27, 2020, and was last on-site at 1055 Mt. Vernon Ave. on October 26, 2020. One facility security officer tested positive on October 28, 2020, and was last on-site at 345 S. High Street on October 23, 2020. The Sheriff's Office will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.