

TO: Franklin County Colleagues
FROM: Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator
Cc: Franklin County Health Commissioner
City of Columbus Health Commissioner
DATE: July 1, 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 Office on Aging:

An employee of the Franklin County Office on Aging tested positive for COVID-19. The employee is based at the Office on Aging at Memorial Hall, 280 E. Broad Street, Columbus. The employee's last date on site was June 26, 2020. The Office on Aging will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.

Franklin County Children Services:

Four employees of Franklin County Children Services tested positive for COVID-19. Two employees work at the Intake/East Region building at 4071 E. Main Street, and were last on site June 25 and June 26, 2020, respectively. One employee works at the West Region, 1919 Frank Road, and was last on site June 22, 2020. And the fourth employee works at the Administration office at 855 West Mound Street, and was last on site on June 26, 2020. Franklin County Children Services will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office:

A civilian Facility Security Officer tested positive for COVID-19. The employee last worked on site at the Common Pleas building, 345 S. High Street, Columbus, on June 19, 2020. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office will continue to work closely with the Franklin County and City Health Departments.