

TO: Franklin County Colleagues
FROM: Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator
Cc: Franklin County Health Commissioner
City of Columbus Health Commissioner
DATE: August 30, 2021
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 Child Support Enforcement Agency:

Two employees with Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency tested positive for COVID-19. Employee A tested positive on August 26, 2021, and was last on-site at 80 E. Fulton on August 25, 2021. Employee B tested positive for COVID-19 on August 27, 2021, and was last on-site on August 26, 2021. Per County Administration's guidance, the Agency is consulting with the applicable County or City Health Department.

Franklin County Public Defender's Office:

Three employees with Franklin County Public Defender's Office were exposed to COVID-19. The employees were last on-site at 373 S. High Street on August 25, 2021. Per County Administration's guidance, the Office is consulting with the applicable County or City Health Department.

Franklin County Auditor's Office:

An employee with the Franklin County Auditor's Office tested positive for COVID-19 on August 30, 2021. The employee was last on-site at 373 S. High Street on August 26, 2021. Per County Administration's guidance, the Office is consulting with the applicable County or City Health Department.