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## **CITY MANAGER**

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## City of Beloit Employee Tests Positive to COVID-19

**June 30, 2020** - A City of Beloit employee has tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend. This employee has had no in-person contact the general public through work; city employees who may have been in contact with this individual have been notified of the possible exposure.

The individual will remain isolated under the guidance of the public health agency in the employee's county of residence. The City will follow the Centers for Disease Control guidelines before returning this individual to work.

For privacy reasons, the City will not be disclosing additional details about the individual's identity.

This is the second city employee to test positive to COVID-19 with the first confirmed case occurring in mid-May.

The following are just a few of the steps the City of Beloit has taken to protect the health of employees and the public since opening the Emergency Operations Center on March 13, 2020:

- Declared a local public health emergency on March 16, 2020
- Partnered with Beloit Health System for emergency planning, preparedness, and response
- Partnered with Beloit Health System and School District of Beloit to create an alternate care facility should it be required
- Provided On-Demand Transit Services until a safe operational plan was put into place to resume regular routes
- Secured necessary PPE and sanitization equipment
- Closed city buildings for face-to-face contact and suspended cash payments
- Operated the election successfully on one of the few drive-thru options in the State
- Modified operations to reduce the number of individuals in close proximity of each other, including providing opportunities for individuals to work from home if they were able
- Required employees to follow guidelines in Wisconsin and Illinois
- Instituted travel restrictions and recommendations for employees as an early precaution
- Converted all public meetings to teleconference

| <ul> <li>Implemented citywide minimum physical distancing and personal protective equipment requirements</li> </ul> |  |
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