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## **CITY MANAGER**

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

**August 17, 2020** - A City of Beloit employee tested positive for COVID-19; the results were provided to the city Friday afternoon. Contact tracing has been completed and this employee has had no in-person contact with the general public through work. Any city employees in close proximity of this individual have been notified.

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 third city employee to test positive to COVID-19 with the first confirmed case occurring in mid-May and the second in late June.

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
- Secured necessary PPE and sanitization equipment
- Closed city buildings for face-to-face contact and suspended cash payments
- 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
- Converted all public meetings to teleconference
- Implemented citywide minimum physical distancing and personal protective equipment requirements
- Required face coverings in all city buildings and in public enclosed spaces.

Visit www.beloitwi.gov/covid19 for information about the City of Beloit's reopening requirements.