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City of Beloit Employee Tests Positive to COVID-19

September 3, 2020 - A City of Beloit employee recently tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing has been completed and the employee had no in-person contact with the general public through work. Any city employees in close proximity to this individual have been notified.

The employee will remain isolated under the guidance of the public health agency in the employee's county of residence. For privacy reasons, the City will not be disclosing additional details about the individual's identity.

The City of Beloit has had a total of six city employees test positive to COVID-19 between mid-May and now.

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 the Wisconsin National Guard to bring community testing to Beloit
- 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 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
- Limited group sizes at city facilities to no more than 25 and required safety plans for all activities in city facilities

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