
CITY MANAGER

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2 Additional City of Beloit Employees Test Positive for COVID-19

Oct. 6, 2020 - Two City of Beloit employees recently tested positive for COVID-19, including one firefighter working for the City of Beloit Fire Department. We have completed contact tracing, and this individual had no public exposures through the individual's position as a firefighter. The firefighter was wearing full personal protective equipment, including an N95 mask, on the last shift this individual worked.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have quarantined several other firefighters who were in close proximity to this firefighter. As a result, we will occasionally have modified staffing levels until we can return these employees to duty. However, we are collaborating with neighboring communities to ensure we have adequate coverage during those times.

Another City of Beloit employee recently tested positive for COVID-19. Contract tracing confirmed that this employee had no exposure with the general public through work.

The employees will remain isolated under the guidance of the public health agency in the employees' county of residence. For privacy reasons, the City will not be disclosing additional details about the individuals' identities.

The City of Beloit has had a total of nine 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.

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