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## 3 Additional City of Beloit Employees Test Positive for COVID-19

**Oct. 14, 2020** - Three City of Beloit employees recently tested positive for COVID-19 and are now on quarantine. Contact tracing has taken place and impacted city employees have been notified. While two employees are in public safety roles, both individuals were wearing the proper personal protective equipment, which significantly minimizes any public exposure. The third employee did not have any public contact through the employee's work duties.

The employees will remain isolated until it is safe for them to return to work. For privacy reasons, the City will not be disclosing additional details about the individuals' identities.

The City of Beloit has had a total of 12 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 are 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.