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PRESS RELEASE

RE: WORKPLACE EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

On November 20, 2020, the City was notified that an employee in the Transit department tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We immediately implemented steps in our COVID-19 Workplace Protection Policy to minimize the impact in our workplace and to keep all employees and healthy and safe.

We want you to be aware of the following actions:

1. The employee directly impacted has received isolation recommendations as advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
2. We have communicated directly with any specific employees and patrons who are believed to have come in direct contact with the employee in the preceding two days before symptoms began. "Direct contact" is defined by the CDC as anyone who was within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick until the time the patient was isolated. We have directed these employees to work remotely or stay home until advised by their medical physician that they are safe to return to the workplace.
3. We have followed the latest CDC recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting facilities, including the disinfection of the surfaces and workspace where the employee worked. It should be noted that the City has been conducted stepped-up cleaning and sanitation practices since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The areas in which the affected employee worked will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized to ensure the ongoing safety of patrons and other employees.

Transit employees and patrons have been required to use facial coverings while on City buses since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is the hope of the City that the use of facial coverings and taking other precautions will mean that no other employees or patrons were at significant risk of exposure.

Transit services are closed through Monday, November 23, 2020. We will have an update to the public at that time. For reasons of privacy and confidentiality, we cannot share the name or other identifying information of the employee directly impacted. We are working with them to communicate available benefits and give support during their recovery.

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