PRESS RELEASE

City Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

May 8, 2020 (*Sandusky, Ohio*) – We were recently notified that an employee of the City of Sandusky has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee is not a member of our safety services (police or fire) and has had limited to no contact with the public. The employee is currently at home and is in contact with the Erie County Health Department. The health department is working with the employee and has been in contact with any employee or non-employee who was in direct contact with them.

The health and safety of all of our employees and the public is of the highest importance. City of Sandusky staff have been following guidelines from the Erie County Health Department, the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to keep employees and members of the community safe. These steps include:

- Closing city buildings to the public and encouraging all meetings and interactions be done via phone, email or virtually
- Ensuring a minimum of six (6) feet between employees
- Requiring employees wear face coverings while on the job (exceptions as they apply)
- Requiring a daily symptom assessment, including temperature being taken as soon as employees enter the building
- Requiring regular handwashing
- Requiring regular cleaning of high-touch areas

We will continue to follow recommendations from the health department to ensure the safety of our employees and residents.

We encourage everyone to help public health officials track the spread of the virus in our community by entering your COVID-19 symptoms into the Symptom Collector. Visit the Erie County COVID-19 Dashboard at CovidErieOhio.com for the most current local data

As a reminder, there are everyday actions people can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid exposure to others who are sick.
- Routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces.

For the most up-to-date information about the City of Sandusky's response to COVID-19, visit www.cityofsandusky.com/covid19.

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