



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CITY OF CHICAGO

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RE: Confirmed Case of COVID-19 for CDOT Employee

Dear CDOT Team,

We are writing to update you on a recent development regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Today, we learned that one of our CDOT colleagues has tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, we do not believe that the employee contracted the virus at work.

To ensure the health and safety of our employees, under Chicago Department of Public Health's (CDPH) guidance, the Department of Assets, Information, and Services (AIS) will conduct a thorough cleaning and disinfecting at the employee's work location.

Employees who have been in close contact with the individual may be contacted by CDPH and provided additional guidance. As a reminder, those who had brief, casual contact with an infected individual are not considered at great risk of transmission and, for most people, the illness is generally mild and can be safely managed at home. Should individuals exhibit any symptoms, we are asking you to stay home and consult your physician.

**As always, all employees should monitor their health and plan to stay at home if they develop symptoms.** Please notify your supervisor if this is the case. Anyone who develops severe symptoms should seek medical care immediately.

We continue to work closely with CDPH and follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as we ensure proper protocols and preventative measures are in place for the health and safety of our staff and personnel throughout the City.

Public Health Guidance for City of Chicago Employees

If you have a fever (oral temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), cough, or mild shortness of breath, please contact your medical provider immediately. Any individuals who are sick or exhibiting any of these symptoms should stay home from work.

If your symptoms are severe, such as difficult, rapid, or labored breathing; blueness around your mouth or nails; and/or severe dehydration (dry mouth, pale skin and nails, no tears or urine), please seek the closest emergency department or call 9-1-1 immediately.

For any additional COVID-19 questions or support, please email [coronavirus@chicago.gov](mailto:coronavirus@chicago.gov) and visit [Chicago.gov/coronavirus](http://Chicago.gov/coronavirus) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) for the most reliable information.



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We will continue to ensure you receive regular notifications throughout this difficult time.

At CDOT, the health and wellness of our staff is our highest priority. Thank you all for your continued and dedicated service to the City of Chicago and our residents.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner  
Chicago Department of Transportation