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## **JOHNSTON CITY HALL CLOSED DUE TO A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE**

**JOHNSTON, Iowa** – A City of Johnston employee has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). Starting today, Wednesday, July 15, City Hall is closed to the public and employees until Monday, July 20 to prevent community spread of COVID-19. The drop box inside the front doors at City Hall is still accessible.

This employee is not believed to have had in-person contact with the general public through work; city employees who may have been in close contact with this individual have been notified of the potential exposure.

Upon learning of the positive case, the City took immediate action to protect all of Johnston's residents and staff, as well as the infected employee.

As set forth by state and CDC protocols, the infected employee is now under self-quarantine, and remediation measures have been taken including notifying all appropriate staff and deep cleaning all City Hall offices and open areas. There is no immediate risk to the public at this time.

The health and safety of our residents and staff is a top priority for the City of Johnston and we are taking all actionable steps to ensure a safe workplace for our employees. We will continue to work with local, state and federal partners to evaluate and make decisions based on the health and safety of our community.

We remind all residents to follow the CDC's recommendations by wearing face coverings while in public spaces or where you are unable to socially distance; avoid close contact with people who are sick; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; and stay home if you are sick. For more information about COVID-19 information and resources, please visit [www.cityofjohnston.com/COVID-19](http://www.cityofjohnston.com/COVID-19).

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