



**15-A Judicial District
Alamance County
212 W. Elm Street
Graham, NC 27253**

To: Courthouse Personnel and Members of the Public
From: Alamance County COVID-19 Coordinator
Date: July 26, 2020
Re: Notification of Reported COVID-19 Positive Individual in Alamance County Judicial Facilities

An employee of an agency with offices within the Alamance County Judicial Facilities has received a positive test result for COVID-19 today. We believe this individual was last in the Alamance County Courthouse on Thursday, July 23, 2020. This individual reportedly wore a mask at all times in the common areas and had minimal contact with the public.

As a precaution, the known location in which this individual appeared will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with Alamance County Health Department, CDC, and EPA protocols and guidance. All persons who were in these facilities during this timeframe are strongly encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Please note that this notification contains general information so as to respect medical privacy and confidentiality.

If you do not have symptoms, the CDC and DHHS recommend that you continue to take precautions and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. Protect yourself from potential exposure by wearing a mask/face covering, practicing social distancing, and washing your hands. See the attached informational guide on how to do so.

If you become sick or think you may have COVID-19, call your doctor, public health department, or community health center to talk to a medical professional by phone. They can provide you with additional medical information and assist you in making plans for what to do next. If you are unable to work because you become sick or think you may have COVID-19, contact your supervisor for additional information.

All lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 test results are reported to the Alamance County Health Department. Upon receipt, case investigation and contact tracing begins by the local health officials. If you are identified as a person who may have been in **close contact** with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 as set out below, you will be contacted and receive additional guidance from the county's Health Department. Contact tracing involves the following:

- The Health Department contact tracers contact the positive case and ask the individual for a list of **close contacts** and ask for information regarding where he or she is employed.
- Contact tracers then attempt to contact each of the positive case's **close contacts**, within 48 hours, to notify them that they have been exposed (contact tracers do not identify the positive

case) and should quarantine. They also contact the individual's hiring authority to inform the employer that their employee has tested positive, but they do not provide a name or other identifying information.

- **Close contacts** are all persons who have been within *6 feet of the positive case for 15 minutes or more* within the 48 hours before the positive case began showing symptoms, or within 48 hours before the test if the positive case is asymptomatic.

You may telephone the COVID-19 Call Center at 336-290-0361 if you believe you have been in *close contact* with a COVID-19 positive individual and with questions about how you should respond to a reported positive case in your work environment.

If you have symptoms of or recent exposure to COVID-19 or you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, you should not enter a judicial facility. For further guidance if you cannot enter a judicial facility, courthouse personnel should contact their supervisors, and members of the public may send inquiries to the Clerk of Superior Court by calling 336-570-5200 or sending an e-mail to Alamance.Clerk@nccourts.org.

Your health and safety are our priority as we support each other in our continuing efforts to provide critical court services. The Alamance County Judicial leadership remains in close communication with the Alamance County Health Department. We thank you for your cooperation and appreciate your understanding as we all try to navigate through this situation.

How to Protect Yourself and Others

Know how it spreads



- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - » Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - » Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - » These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - » Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone should

Clean your hands often



- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact



- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay at home as much as possible.**
- **Put distance between yourself and other people.**
 - » Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - » This is especially important for **people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.** www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html



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