COVID-19 Positive Employee Test Notification and Protocol

1. If possible, secure and isolate the contaminated area for 24 hours. After isolation, or if isolation is not possible, call Operations, 742-4OPS, to clean and sanitize work station and common areas.

2. Send notification [Sample #1] to each employee fitting this situation which will:
   A. Advise the employee to quarantine, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 including checking temperature twice a day, seek guidance from health care provider, and follow instructions from contact tracer and health care provider regarding testing etc.
   B. Require regular communication with supervisor.

3. Employee without COVID-19 symptoms may return to work after 14 days of quarantine unless cleared by TTU Student Health Services.

4. Employee with COVID-19 symptoms may return to work after:
   1) At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and
   2) At least 24 hours have passed with no fever, and
   3) Other symptoms have improved.
   4) Employee provides both their supervisor and Human Resources hr.leaveadministration@ttu.edu with a copy of return-to-work clearance letter from TTU Student Health Services.

Please direct questions to Meredith Imes at covid19@ttu.edu

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Sample Notifications to Employees

Sample #1

Employee Tests Positive – Contact within 6 feet of unmasked infected employee for more than 15 minutes is known.

We were made aware that an employee in [department] recently tested positive for COVID-19 and you have been identified as one who may have had contact within 6 feet of the employee. The CDC and health department protocols including those for contact tracing are being conducted, and you may be contacted by a contact tracer with further instructions. We will have the employee’s workstation and the shared common spaces they used cleaned and sanitized and will follow appropriate CDC guidelines to limit further spread and maintain a safe working environment.

We ask that you quarantine, monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 including checking your temperature twice a day, seek guidance from a health care provider, and follow the instructions from your health care provider and the contact tracer regarding testing and treatment.

Please note that you will not be allowed to return to work until you:

- Are symptom free and have quarantined for 14 days (unless cleared by TTU Student Health Services).

In the event that you have COVID-19 symptoms, you will not be allowed to return to work until after the following:

1) At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and

2) At least 24 hours have passed with no fever, and

3) Other symptoms have improved, and

4) Employee provides both their supervisor and Human Resources hr.leaveadministration@ttu.edu with a copy of return-to-work clearance letter from TTU Student Health Services.

For questions with regard to leave that may be applicable to your absence from work, please contact the department of human resources.

Please remain in regular communication with your supervisor and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to monitor this situation and provide support and updates as necessary. Your health and the health of the University community remain our top priority.

Sample #2

Employee in Building Tests Positive – No Contact within 6 feet of unmasked infected employee for more than 15 minutes is known.

We were made aware that an employee in [department] recently tested positive for COVID-19. The CDC and health department protocols including those for contact tracing are being conducted and you may be contacted by a contact tracer with further instructions. We will have the employee’s workstation and the shared common spaces they used cleaned and sanitized and will follow appropriate CDC guidelines to limit further spread and maintain a safe working environment.
Out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to provide you this notification. You should continue to report to work during your regular schedule; however, we ask that you monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 including checking your temperature twice a day.

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, you should self-isolate, seek guidance from a health care provider, and follow instructions from your health care provider regarding testing and treatment.

Please remain in regular communication with your supervisor and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to monitor this situation and provide support and updates as necessary. Your health and the health of the University community remain our top priority.

Sample #3

An individual in employee's household tests positive.

We were made aware that an employee in________department [List building location if large building] may have been exposed to a known COVID-19 case. The CDC and health department protocols including those for contact tracing are being conducted and you may be contacted by a contact tracer with further instructions.

Out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to provide you this notification. You should continue to report to work during your regular schedule; however, we ask that you monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 including checking your temperature twice a day.

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, you should self-isolate, seek guidance from a health care provider, and follow instructions from your health care provider regarding testing and treatment.

Please remain in regular communication with your supervisor and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to monitor this situation and provide support and updates as necessary. Your health and the health of the University community remain our top priority.