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## Our first COVID positive staff member and curbside closed for today

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**Julie Milavec** <jmilavec@dglibrary.org>

Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 8:27 AM

To: All Staff &lt;staff@dglibrary.org&gt;

Bcc: "libraryboard@downersgrovelibrary.org" &lt;board-of-trustees@dglibrary.org&gt;

Good morning all,

I am sorry to report that we had our first staff person test positive for COVID. Their last shift was Wednesday, 2/24, working in Circulation and Curbside. At the end of their shift, the individual received information of a direct exposure in a non-work setting and immediately informed their supervisor. They were sent home to quarantine for 14 days, per our policy. Yesterday, 3/1, they informed their supervisor of their own positive test.

Upon learning of the positive test, Administration called the Illinois Department of Public Health hotline for guidance. Because the staff member had not been in the library since 2/24, closing for cleaning was not quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure while monitoring for symptoms. If they have symptoms, they should contact their own health professional and get tested. advised. We were advised to inform all staff who were in contact with this person for more than 15 minutes cumulative time and have those individuals quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure while monitoring for symptoms. If they have symptoms, they should contact their own health professional and get tested.

All staff that were in direct contact with this person have been notified and will be quarantining for 14 days from the date of exposure (2/24).

In a separate happening, the automatic door closure mechanism on the Curtiss Street doors failed last evening. Staff were able to secure the doors for the night, but the Curtiss Street entrance, and therefore Curbside service, will be closed until further notice. An emergency service call has been placed for the repair of the doors.

We understand that many staff will be concerned about their own health and possible exposure to COVID. Please respect the privacy and personal health information of the individuals involved in this situation. We will share any other information we can as it becomes available.

With a workplace of over 100 people serving the public, our nearly one year without a staff member testing positive for COVID is a testament to the efficacy of the health and safety measures we have in place. We will continue to take these precautions to serve the community as safely as possible.

Bcc: Board of Library Trustees

**Julie M. Milavec** | Library Director

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**Amy Prechel** <aprechel@dglibrary.org>

Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 9:16 AM

To: Julie Milavec &lt;jmilavec@dglibrary.org&gt;

Hello,

I think you're missing part of a sentence here? Or something got out of order?

"Because the staff member had not been in the library since 2/24, closing for cleaning was not quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure while monitoring for symptoms. If they have symptoms, they should contact their own health professional and get tested. advised. "

This is unfortunate news :(

I'm trying not to be paranoid about potential exposure. 😊 I was in charge Wednesday morning and I was doing rounds. Do you consider in-charge people (who are stopping and checking in with everyone) in determining who may have been in contact? Just checking.

Thanks,

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**Amy Prechel**

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**Melissa Troy** <mtroy@dglibrary.org>  
To: Julie Milavec <jmilavec@dglibrary.org>

Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 9:17 AM

Hi Julie,

A little confused about the second line of the second paragraph. Thanks for clarifying.

Melissa

On Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 8:27 AM Julie Milavec <jmilavec@dglibrary.org> wrote:  
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Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 9:19 AM

Once more, with the typos fixed:

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To: Julie Milavec <[jmilavec@dglibrary.org](mailto:jmilavec@dglibrary.org)>

Kudos to us for going this long, I felt it was not a matter of "if" but "when", one year? Great statistics we can be proud of, that yes, our precautions are working.

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**Joy Matteson** <[jmatteson@dglibrary.org](mailto:jmatteson@dglibrary.org)>

Tue, Mar 2, 2021 at 12:59 PM

To: Julie Milavec <[jmilavec@dglibrary.org](mailto:jmilavec@dglibrary.org)>

I appreciate the transparency informing all staff this way, Julie. Means a lot, thanks.

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