

Broadcast message to employees from Bobby

Subject: Updated City COVID-19 protocols and face covering guidance, new State restrictions

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Dear City Employees,

I hope that you were able to take time over the long weekend to rest and reconnect with people you love in your immediate home, and with others through technology such as FaceTime or Zoom that enabled safe physical distance. With COVID-19 cases on the rise, it is important that we all follow public health guidance – to keep ourselves and those we love safe, and to limit the spread.

Having said this, I'm writing to share the City's **updated COVID-19 exposure and testing protocols**, as attached, which align with updated guidance from the CDC and the State of Washington. Please take time to review these protocols as they differ from the initial guidance issued in March; most notably, all individuals who have had close contact with someone that is confirmed to have COVID-19 must either isolate or quarantine. I have also attached the City's **updated face covering guidance**, also changed to align with public health guidance; most notably, employees must wear a face covering at almost all times, even when six feet of physical distance from others can be maintained.

I have also included a **FAQ regarding temporary COVID-19 restrictions that Governor Inslee announced** earlier this month, relevant to all individuals residing in Washington State. I hope this document is responsive to the questions you have shared with us.

We will do our best to keep you updated on the public health guidance as it evolves. The coming holidays in December present another opportunity, and risk, for all of us to consider. We may be tempted to gather in large groups as I know so many of us (myself included) are longing for social connection with friends and family. Please be patient; please be safe.

Please also know that the vital work you do, and essential services you deliver, helps keep our communities safe and healthy. As always, thank you for all that you do.

Bobby

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