

March 21, 2020

Dear CSB Staff,

The Fairfax County Health Department identified on March 20 that a CSB-Merrifield staff member tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The Health Department is working with the CSB and Fairfax County government to investigate and take action to limit any risk to the CSB and Fairfax community. We would like to provide you with information about actions you can take to protect yourself.

The staff person did not have contact with the CSB adult or youth walk-in assessment units or emergency services. In our investigation, we have identified a small number of staff and clients who were at risk of exposure to COVID-19 while the infected person was ill. The Health Department has contacted those individuals.

If you have not received a call from the Health Department, it means you have not been identified as being at risk of exposure and you do not need to take any actions at this time. As an additional precaution, please observe yourself until April 2, the time during which COVID-19 illness might occur if a person is infected as a result of this exposure. Symptoms to look for include fever, cough or shortness of breath. If symptoms develop, please contact your health care provider and describe the situation.

For CSB-Merrifield staff who have been called by the Health Department, please stay at home and away from others while the investigation is ongoing and during the time when illness could occur. Until April 2, staff in this group should stay at home or in the yard, avoid contact with others, and not go out in public. At home, contact with other family members also should be limited. These measures will reduce the chance that infection might spread in the community. During the call, additional recommendations may be provided.

We appreciate your cooperation with the investigation. If you have additional questions, please call the Health Department's call center at (703) 267-3511. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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