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**Bloomington Transit Driver Diagnosed With COVID-19**

**Bloomington, Ind.** - A Bloomington Transit (BT) driver has received a positive test result of a COVID-19 viral test. The employee began experiencing symptoms on Sunday, October 18 and received the positive result on Tuesday, October 20. Having last worked Saturday, October 17, the driver is taking paid leave to recover.

An internal contact tracing process in accordance with [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) guidelines was conducted and has determined that there were no other employees or customers placed at risk of exposure by this employee. The employee drove on Routes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9 from October 3 to October 17. The driver did not have close contact with passengers outside of the CDC-recommended safety guidelines limiting interactions to 15 minutes and a distance of six feet. Currently, BT drivers are separated from passengers by a plexiglas shield. Vehicles the employee drove have been disinfected and cleaned using special equipment.

Bloomington Transit is the public transportation corporation for the City of Bloomington.

Today's announcement marks the third reported COVID-19 diagnosis among BT staff, and the second driver. In addition, 11 City employees have reported receiving positive COVID-19 viral

test results and an additional City employee reported a positive COVID-19 antibody test result. The last BT employee to have received a positive result, also a driver, was reported on August 3. Together with the City of Bloomington, BT is committed to sharing information about how its operations and workforce are affected by this public health emergency, and will continue to provide updates about confirmed cases among staff while protecting employees' privacy.