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Additional Emergency Medical Services employee tests positive for COVID-19

Patient in isolation at home; Commissioners express gratitude to County personnel

WINDSOR, N.C. – County Manager Juan Vaughan, II has confirmed that one (1) additional Emergency Medical Services employee has tested positive for the novel coronavirus also known as COVID-19.

The employee was considered high risk for exposure due to their job duties, and is doing well in isolation at home.

The employee’s last date of work was yesterday, June 29th. Symptoms also began yesterday and included fever and chills. The employee was excused from duty to seek medical testing.

On May 19th, the first known case of COVID-19 was reported in the same department.

Since then, Emergency Medical Services personnel have been required to wear masks and personal protective equipment on every call regardless of the calls’ nature. Masks are also placed on patients to help prevent any potential spread of the virus.

“The safety and privacy of our staff is one of our top priorities. We continue to work collaboratively with Bertie County Emergency Services and our local healthcare partner, Albemarle Regional Health Services, to ensure the continued health of our staff and our citizens,” Mr. Vaughan added today.

“We are doing everything we can to better adapt to this ever-evolving situation. As a Board, we are proud of the dedicated service that our EMS personnel, and entire county staff, have continued to provide during such a challenging time. Our thoughts and prayers are with this employee, as well as with all of those still working to recover from this virus,” Chairman Ronald Wesson said today.

For the most up to date information about the Coronavirus, visit [NCDHHS.gov](https://www.ncdhhs.gov), and be sure to like and follow the official Facebook page for Bertie County Government.

Media inquiries may be submitted to Emergency Services Director, Mitch Cooper, at 794-5302 or mitch.cooper@bertie.nc.gov.

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