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**New Haven City-Town Clerk Announces COVID-19-Positive Election Worker**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Today the City of New Haven announced that an employee in the Office of the City-Town Clerk has tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, staff in the Clerk’s Office that were exposed will quarantine in an effort to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. Last night, November 3, the offices of the City-Town Clerk and City Hall were cleaned and disinfected. Since the proper safety precautions have been made, there is no further risk identified at this time to those in the office.

New Haven Director of Public Health Maritza Bond stated, “As a result of the positive case in the City-Town Clerk’s Office, we have quarantined twelve individuals who came into contact with the employee. They will quarantine for fourteen days and should any employee develop any symptoms, they should consult with their medical provider for testing. The employee who tested positive showed initial symptoms of COVID-19 last Thursday and has not returned to work since then. They received their COVID-19 test results yesterday, Election Day, indicating that they had tested positive. The City-Town Clerk’s facilities have been cleaned and disinfected to ensure that we can reduce the spread of COVID-19,” she concluded.

City-Town Clerk Michael Smart has reached out to the Office of Secretary of State Denise Merrill this morning to send the City of New Haven additional support to ensure that all election operations will be completed on time today. The majority of the work to be completed in the City-Town Clerk’s Office is data entry into the Secretary of State election reporting system.

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