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CITY EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

McALESTER, Okla. – The City of McAlester has been notified that several employees in the Public Works Department tested positive for COVID-19. The employees work in a division that does not typically interact with the public. Following the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Pittsburg County Health Department, the employees who tested positive, as well as others who work directly with them, are quarantined. The work areas of the employees will undergo professional sanitation.

The City of McAlester’s Public Works Department will continue to provide essential utility, streets, wastewater, environmental, solid waste, airport, facility, fleet, and engineering services. Citizens may see some project and maintenance delays due to the number of quarantined employees.

“We recognize that preparing for and responding to the virus in our workforce is an ongoing effort,” said City Manager Pete Stasiak. “We are currently investigating if protocols were being properly implemented and will make more adjustments in our practices if needed.”

The City of McAlester is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of employees and citizens. Since March, the City has implemented five phases of infection control procedures and other administrative actions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.