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Chiefs,

Below is the message that will be going to lots of folks including all staff.

Nigel

Message to: All employees and users

From Nigel Lockyer: Confirmed COVID-19 case; precautionary measures

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you that the first confirmed positive case of COVID-19 has been reported at Fermilab. The individual is self-isolating and resting at home. We look forward to their recovery.

Our priority is to keep our people as healthy and safe as possible, guided by long-standing public health protocols. The lab has restricted its site access to on-site essential personnel and village residents, and approximately 95% of our employees are teleworking.

The individual worked in an outlying building on the Batavia site (not in the main complex) and has not been on site for more than a week. Fermilab is in the process of conducting a deep cleaning of the entire area where the individual had been working; access to those areas is restricted.

Individuals who may have been in close contact with this person have been contacted and asked to remain off-site for the two-week period and to seek medical guidance from their doctor.

We recognize that this situation is unsettling. We can expect more cases among the thousands of people in our lab community. In each case, we will follow the individual notification and cleaning procedures described above.

As confirmed cases become more commonplace, we may not notify the broad lab community of every case, but we will share this information on the www.fnal.gov/covid19 website.

We also want to emphasize that according to public health authorities, the vast majority of people infected with COVID-19 will recover with mild symptoms; a smaller fraction will require medical care. After an individual recovers, they can return to normal activity and do not present a continued risk. We want to make sure that we welcome everyone back to our community regardless of our individual health experiences.

All of the precautions previously communicated remain in place. These include:

- **If you develop flu-like symptoms, call your doctor for medical advice.**
- If you have flu-like symptoms, **you are strongly encouraged to notify your supervisor** (or experiment spokesperson for users) **and self-quarantine** for 14 days in consideration of your health and that of others.
- **Any employee who feels sick should not come to work.**
- **Most employees continue to telework.** Only specific individuals who have been notified that they are designated as “on-site essential personnel” are authorized to be on-site in Batavia.
- Continue to follow the Illinois “stay at home” order, practice social distancing, and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.

Please know that we care about our employees, users and the community. If you have questions, contact your supervisor. We will continue to keep you informed at www.fnal.gov/covid19 as well as the [COVID-19 resources for employees](#) tab at Fermilab at Work.

Nigel