October 31, 2020

Friends and Neighbors,

Today the Mississippi Valley Library District (MVLD) received notice that one of our employees tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last present in the Collinsville Memorial Library Center on Thursday, October 29, 2020 and has not been in the Fairmont City Library Center.

The MVLD has taken the following steps:

- The affected employee was placed on a leave of absence as soon as symptoms began to appear. The employee immediately self-quarantined and underwent testing. The employee will continue to follow the quarantine recommendations of the CDC and their doctor.
- Other employees who have been identified as “close contacts” of the affected employee were placed on a leave of absence and will self-quarantine and be tested.
- In addition to regular building cleaning, the Library’s cleaning company was notified of specific areas that need to be deep cleaned and disinfected.
- All health and safety measures previously in effect continue to be enforced.
- The MVLD continues to provide curbside services to encourage social distancing.

No patrons have been identified as a “close contact” of the affected employee. Nonetheless, the MVLD strongly encourages all patrons who were present in the Collinsville Memorial Library Center this past week to monitor their health and act immediately if coronavirus-like symptoms appear.

At this time the MVLD’s services and hours of operation remain unchanged. However, this is a developing situation and modifications may become necessary.

The MVLD asks for your help in preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus in our community. Please stay home if you experience any symptoms, no matter how mild, associated with COVID-19. Please continue to wear a face mask while inside MVLD facilities and to practice social distancing and good hand hygiene.

Thank you,

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