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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ZOPPO-SASSU ON COVID19

The City of Bristol received notice Monday afternoon that we the first Bristol resident was diagnosed with a positive Coronavirus test result. This resident is also an employee at City Hall. The remaining colleagues within that specific office will self-quarantine through March 31, 2020.

None of those colleagues have presented with symptoms of the virus to date over the last week, when the affected employee was last in the building. This means that no one who has been in contact with that office and its employees since that time will need to self-quarantine, per the health guidelines and directives.

As of Thursday another individual in Bristol has tested positive bringing us to two. Testing has been ongoing across the state for the last 10 days and we expect that these will not be the last "positives" in 06010, as test results are starting to be received by people who were tested last week.

I cannot stress enough that it is critical to everyone here to take this Pandemic seriously, to take social distancing seriously, and stay home if possible. This means in parks, at grocery stores, in pharmacies, at house parties and anywhere else. Please consider this a team effort to "flatten the curve" so that we will not still be practicing these strategies weeks from now. If we all work together, this can end sooner rather than later.

I want to take a moment to thank the City Hall employees who come to work every day, ready to do the public's work. It is not an easy job, and today, it just got harder.

The City Council and I also want to express our appreciation to:

- the Bristol Health professionals and recognize that having a community hospital is critical;
- our team at the Bristol-Burlington Health District;
- the Leadership Team at the Board of Education who are out in front of the efforts to implement Distance Learning;
- many of our department heads who have been working 7 days a week to prepare and respond;
- our Police, Fire and EMS first responders;
- our Water, Sewer Parks and Public Works crews who are out every day working on environmental projects;
- and the dozens of Bristol residents who stepped up to volunteer their time with the Bristol All-Heart Hotline to take care of those who need assistance.

We are Bristol All-Heart, and we will get through this together.

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