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**Subject:** DETCOG Employee Update

Good evening Team DETCOG,

I hope you've had a good weekend and have managed to beat the heat.

Good news: Two of our staff who tested positive for COVID-19 over the July 4th weekend have notified me today that they have re-tested and are now negative. Yay! They both reported that their energy level isn't back up to par yet, but it's great that they are now testing negative.

The number of COVID cases is still on the rise throughout most of our region. I want as many of our staff as possible to continue working from home for the time being. As always, communicate with your supervisor about your individual work schedule. A few points:

- Working from home is not an option for some of our job positions, so I want to say a special thanks to those who are still coming into the building on a daily or weekly basis.
- EVERYONE needs to continue to be extra cautious. Wear a mask when you go to the store or the restaurant to pick up food. I've even started putting on a mask when I drive by the drive thru, because who's to say that the person right ahead of me might not be positive and something might be lingering in the air. Our building is sanitary and safe -- plus we have dispensers of hand sanitizer all over the place. I am more worried about our employees contracting the virus at home or in your community, so everyone, please be careful.
- For those who are in the building, a couple of special rules are still in effect. We are required to wear a mask anytime we are not actually in our office space. (Don't forget to put your mask on before you enter the building until you get to your office.). And we are not allowed to enter another employee's office space if that person is in there.

I also want to make everyone aware that we will have some visitors in our building this week. There is an important law enforcement training class that has been scheduled for a while now. These officers need this training in order to meet their certification requirements, and our building is the safest place around for them to get it So I have allowed it to continue as scheduled. They should be contained to the Multipurpose Room for the most part, but we will close the door to the kitchen/break room and they may be in and out of there. We're going to ask them to use the lobby restroom as much as possible, but with 16 of them I can't guarantee there won't be occasions where they will come down to the other restrooms. They will be required to wear masks if they leave the Multipurpose Room.

We've tweaked our COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines a little, so I've attached a revised copy of that.

Thanks again for all you're doing to keep the work of DETCOG going. So many people depend on us, especially during this crazy pandemic. I could not be more proud of the way you have responded to the challenge.

Stay safe, and holler if you need anything.

Thanks again,  
Lonnie