



# FORT DODGE FIRE RESCUE

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **RE: Fort Dodge Firefighter Diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Fort Dodge Fire Rescue has learned that one of its firefighters has tested positive for COVID-19. The affected firefighter is in self quarantine at home.

Fort Dodge Fire Rescue has protocols, PPE and decontamination processes in place to limit or prevent the spread of infection between patients and fire personnel. Fire personnel follow these protocols during all treatment and interaction with residents. Fort Dodge Fire Rescue is working internally and with the Webster County Public Health Department to identify any individuals who may have come into contact with the affected Fire Department personnel and will contact those individuals directly as part of the contact tracing process.

“Fort Dodge Fire Rescue personnel are community heroes and have been on the frontlines every day,” said Fort Dodge Fire Chief Steve Hergenreter. “We take any potential exposure seriously and have been preparing for such time one of our team tested positive. Our department is committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting the citizens of Fort Dodge, Webster County and surrounding communities we serve.”

Due to health privacy rights, the City is unable to provide any information about the identity of the affected employee.