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NEWS RELEASE

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Hidalgo County employee tests positive for COVID-19

EDINBURG – An employee with the Hidalgo County Fire Marshal’s Office has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and has been ordered to self-isolate, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said Thursday.

County health officials are working to determine what exposure the affected person had with other employees and to what extent the affected person had any interaction in areas open to the public. The remaining employees of the office, located at 1903 North Knights Drive in Pharr, are observing modified workloads and are exercising strict social distancing measures. The office will be completely sanitized and will remain open to the public.

“This unfortunate development serves as a reminder that the disease remains active in Hidalgo County and anyone is susceptible to infection,” Judge Cortez said.

On Tuesday, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court voted to mandate that facial coverings will be required for members of the public entering any county facility, including county parking lots. Separately, Hidalgo County employees have also been mandated to continue to wear facial coverings while at work and in the vicinity of other people.

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