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### **CITY OF BROWNSVILLE CONFIRMS FIRST CITY EMPLOYEE WITH COVID-19**

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Our number one priority for the City of Brownsville is to ensure we keep our employees safe. That is what guides our decision-making above all else. We can confirm that one of our employees who works at City Plaza has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). The employee was tested on April 3, 2020 and with official confirmation provided to the city of the positive COVID-19 results on Wednesday, April 7, 2020.

Due to privacy laws, the city will not be releasing specific details about the employee.

Several actions have been taken as a precautionary measure and in the best interest of our employees and public including:

- A deep cleaning of City Plaza is being performed overnight
- City Plaza will be closed for one business day on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>
- A detailed contact tracing is being performed with all employees and other parties who the infected employee may have come into contact with

At this time, the city is unable to determine if the exposure to the COVID-19 virus occurred at the workplace or in the community. The city continues to follow CDC guidelines for workplace safety, promotes good hygiene practices, and shares health, safety and travel guidelines with all employees.

Additional information and resources on COVID-19 are available at COB.us and are updated regularly. We continue to collaborate with the Cameron County Health Department and, in consultation with them, are committed to sharing further information in the appropriate manner as necessary.

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