

COVID-19 Update – Sept.18, 2020

The following information has been reported to the Metropolitan Council's Employee Resource Center. For privacy reasons, the identities of employees who test positive for COVID-19 cannot be disclosed.

Based on guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health, individuals who have been identified as having been in close contact with co-workers who test positive for COVID-19 will be notified. These individuals are advised to seek testing and to self-isolate for 14 days. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may return to work after 14 days and after answering questions about recent activities and symptoms. Employees who are required to isolate are compensated under the Council's COVID-19 policy.

Location	New cases (9/10-9/16)	Cumulative cases (including new cases)	Returned to work
East Metro	0	8	7
Nicollet	2	20	18
Heywood	0	16	14
South	0	14	12
Ruter	0	10	7
Northstar	0	0	0
Green Line OMF	0	1	1
Blue Line OMF	1	6	5
Rail Support Facility	0	0	0
Transfer Road	0	2	2
Overhaul Base	0	1	1
Metro Transit Police Department	0	9	6
Heywood Office	0	2	2
Instruction Center	0	1	1
Transit Control Center	0	0	0
Total	3	90	76

Note: This data may not match what is reported in the Council's COVID-19 updates, which are provided through weekly e-mails. This data reflects the number of cases confirmed by Metro Transit, while the Council's data reflects the number of approved COVID-19 leave requests. Leave requests are approved after cases are confirmed.

COVID-19 testing

Metro Transit employees can access free COVID-19 tests at HealthPartners and Park Nicollet drive-up sites, and at the HealthPartners Well@Work Clinic at the Heywood Office. To make a drive-up appointment, visit healthpartners.com and use the five-digit employer code 10397. Common COVID-19 symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, a fever, muscle or body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell. To make an appointment at the Well@Work Clinic, call 952-967-7468.