COVID-19 Update, October 23

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 must isolate are compensated under the Council's COVID-19 policy.

Location	New cases (10/13-10/20)	Cumulative cases	Returned to work
East Metro	3	15	8
Nicollet	0	23	21
Heywood	0	21	18
South	0	16	15
Ruter	0	13	10
Northstar	0	0	0
Green Line OMF	0	3	3
Blue Line OMF	0	10	6
Rail Support Facility	1	2	0
Transfer Road	1	4	3
Overhaul Base	1	2	1
Metro Transit Police Department	1	13	9
Heywood Office	0	5	3
Instruction Center	0	1	0
Transit Control Center	0	0	0
Total	**7**	**128**	**97**

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

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. Cases listed above were reconciled against ERC records to ensure consistent location reporting.