

Announcement

Atlanta Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

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ATLANTA – An employee from NERC’s Atlanta office notified leadership of a presumptive positive test for the coronavirus (COVID-19). The employee was last in the office on March 10. NERC is in the process of identifying and notifying those who came into close contact with the employee and asking them to self-quarantine through March 24, at least. NERC informed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), its oversight agency, as well as building management at the Atlanta Financial Center, where its headquarters are located.

“This case shows us the importance of self-reporting and self-quarantining,” said Jim Robb, president and chief executive officer. “When the outbreak began, NERC activated its business continuity plan and instituted a work-from-home policy to better safeguard the health and well-being of our workforce and their families, and keep the transmission community as small as possible. We wish a full and speedy recovery to our valued team member.”

In addition, NERC is taking special steps to ensure continuity of operations within the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC). “We are preparing our staff and leveraging technology to ensure we maintain depth in our watch operations, which recently transitioned to 24x7 coverage, and closely monitoring increased malicious cyber activity. In addition, we are encouraging E-ISAC staff to observe all the CDC’s recommended actions, including social distancing, frequent hand washing, and self-quarantining when a team or family member potentially has been exposed,” said Manny Cancel, senior vice president and CEO of the E-ISAC.

NERC also is following recommended guidelines from the CDC and other public health authorities to disinfect the offices. NERC and the E-ISAC suspended all travel and are converting stakeholder meetings and meetings across the ERO Enterprise into webinars at least through the end of April. NERC announced yesterday that its May Board meeting and associated committee meetings will also take place via webinar.

For more NERC-related coronavirus activities, click [here](#).

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