

A **62 year old male** employee contracted **COVID-19** while working as a jail. The victim as exposed to an inmate that tested positive for COVID.

The victim and co-workers process incoming and outgoing inmates into the jail system. During the process, the employees would be in close proximity to the inmates due to the nature of the intake process.

On 7/29/21, an inmate was brought into the jail. The victim worked around this inmate from 7/29/21 thru 8/2/21. On 8/2/21, the inmate was picked up at the jail by the Germantown Police Department and shortly afterwards, the inmate complained of feeling sick. The inmate was tested and received a positive result for COVID-19. The employer was informed of the test results.

On 8/8/21 and 8/9/21, the victim reported to work as normal and had a cough (no illness was reported to his supervisor). During his regular off days, 8/10/21 and 8/11/21, he took a COVID test at home that showed a positive result, so he began sick leave on 8/12/21. On 8/14/21, the victim went to a clinic for testing and the results came back positive. On 8/19/21, he went to the hospital where he remained until he passed away on 10/4/21. This COVID-19 fatality is considered work-related.

It was determined that the employer conducted relevant and effective training on required policies. The employer is staying current on CDC guidelines and adjusting their policies in order to keep employees safe while working with the potential to be exposed to COVID-19. Social distancing, mandatory face coverings, hand washing and sanitizing, and equipment sanitizing are all used.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

No citations issued.



