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## **ST. CHARLES COUNTY RESIDENT TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19; WORKED AT ELECTION POLLING PLACE**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The St. Charles County Department of Public Health and the St. Charles County Election Authority have learned that an election judge supervisor had received a positive test result for COVID-19 on Oct. 30 from a private lab and was advised by the lab to quarantine for 14 days. The election judge nevertheless failed to follow the advice and worked at the County’s Precinct 41 at the Blanchette Park Memorial Hall polling site in St. Charles on Election Day. Authorities have informed the County that this individual has died, although a cause of death has not been given at this time.

Department of Public Health epidemiologists have contacted election workers who were at the site and are working with family members to determine the worker’s whereabouts prior to the positive test results. Contacts may include some or all the other nine election workers at the polling place, who they are advising to test for the virus. It is not anticipated that close contacts will include any of the 1,858 voters who were at the polling place Tuesday, as the worker was a supervisor with job duties that do not typically include working closely with voters, handling iPads, distributing styluses, or taking voter identification.

St. Charles County Director of Elections Kurt Bahr said all election workers were mandated to wear masks or face shields at all times, and Plexiglas barriers separated the workers from the voters. Sanitation procedures were practiced throughout the day. Those who were at the precinct should watch closely for symptoms and contact the County’s COVID Hotline at 636-949-1899 with questions.

“As this virus continues to spread, all aspects of the healthcare system are working together to remind the community that a positive COVID-19 test result requires that person to be responsible to others in the community,” says St. Charles County Director of Public Health Demetrius Cianci-Chapman. “There is no more important duty than protecting the health of our families, friends and those who reside in the community with us.”

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