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Subject: Follow-up question about notification

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Jack and Charles:

When our staff asked your staff about whether legislators and staff would be notified if anyone who has been to the Capitol tests positive for COVID-19, their answer was that you would follow standard "notification guidelines." We have not received additional information about what that means.

In light of reports that leaders of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives failed to notify all legislators that at least one Representative had tested positive for COVID-19 while the House was in session, there is growing concern by our Senators and staff about what protocols and notifications will be in place for the Iowa Legislature.

Here are relevant clips:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/05/28/pennsylvania-coronavirus-test-republican/>

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/05/pa-house-democrats-say-keeping-gop-colleagues-exposure-to-covid-19-private-is-unacceptable.html>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/dem-lawmaker-goes-epic-rant-after-gop-colleague-admits-hiding-n1216106>

We certainly hope that there will be immediate notification if there is a positive COVID-19 test for someone working or visiting the Capitol.

Will Senate and House leaders inform all legislators and staff if a legislator, staffer or member of the public (who has visited the Capitol) tests positive?

Senator Petersen



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Smithson, Charlie [LEGIS]

June 18 Fogging

To Smithson, Charlie [LEGIS]



On June 18 the Chamber, offices, and other Senate controlled space will be fogged and cleaned. You do not need to move anything or take anything out unless you so desire. However, please exit the Capitol by 4:00 p.m.

Thank you.