



TOWN OF SPEEDWAY

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Speedway Fire Department Firefighter Tests Positive for COVID-19

(Speedway, IN) – Speedway Fire Department (SFD) confirmed Tuesday, March 24th that a Speedway Firefighter has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19).

“We were notified this morning that one of our firefighters has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been ordered to self-quarantine at home,” stated Chief Robert Fishburn of SFD.

Four other firefighters who had contact with this individual at the station have been instructed to self-quarantine as well. Per the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and the SFD Medical Director, all five firefighters will stay in self-quarantine for 14 days to prevent the spread of the virus.

SFD officials have assessed the situation and stated no known exposures to any other town employees or the public. It is unclear how the firefighter became infected with the virus. All other firefighters are being tested in accordance to the State of Indiana Emergency Operations Center (EOC) protocol and are being closely monitored for any symptoms. SFD has followed and will continue to follow, the recommendations and protocols of the CDC, Indiana State Department of Health, and the EOC.

“We want to thank Eli Lilly and their staff for the expedited testing for our first-responders. This has been a difficult time for everyone and it’s through your help that we’re able to keep serving our community and keep our firefighters safe,” said Chief Fishburn.

Chief Fishburn emphasized that anyone can be infected with COVID-19 and to not take Governor Holcomb’s Stay-At-Home Order lightly. “Our firefighters cannot protect you while working from home, so we ask that residents only leave the house when absolutely necessary. In order for us to serve the community now and in the coming days, we need everyone to do their part to minimize the risk of contact and slow the spread.”

In [a special announcement](#) on Monday, Town Council President David Lindsey delivered a similar message, stating, “During this time you must follow strict social distancing guidelines. For you and your family, that means staying home unless you work for an essential business or are doing an essential activity. In order to flatten the curve, lessening the burden on our hospitals and first responders, we must stay home.”

For a list of essential activities and details on Governor Holcomb's directive for Hoosiers to Stay-At-Home, visit [in.gov](#). The Town of Speedway has also published a FAQ to help residents answer questions they might have during the next two weeks on their website at [speedwayin.gov](#).

General questions from the public or healthcare provider inquiries about COVID-19 may be directed to the ISDH COVID-19 Call Center at the **toll-free number 877-826-0011 (available 24/7)** or email epiresource@isdh.in.gov.

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