



# Things to Consider

## When Learning that Someone in Your Community Has Been in Contact with the Virus

**You may want to speak to your outside** counsel about the best way to handle this situation and consider the state laws in which your 501c3 has been incorporated.

Based on your counsel's advice, **communicate in a calm and clear way** and articulate the plan for follow-up communication.

**It is important not to disclose any names** as that may be a breach of the individual's privacy, and include in the message restatements of the public health protocols of social distancing, washing hands, etc., so that members of the community are being vigilant and complying with the public health directives. **Here** are some resources available for your use.

At this point it is **reasonable to assume that anyone who attended a gathering within the past few weeks may have been in contact with the coronavirus** and it is appropriate to share what you have learned and how you are addressing the issue.

**Here is what Youngstown Area Jewish Federation said when they learned that one person from their staff tested positive for COVID-19.**

“This staff person is asymptomatic, and was not in direct contact with anyone who has tested positive. A personal doctor, the state board of health, and the county board of health have been consulted. All agree this person's risk is low. However, in an abundance of caution, this person is staying at home,” the federation said.

They continued to say that it has enhanced cleaning/disinfecting practices and is following recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health, the Mahoning County District Board of Health, the Trumbull County Health Department, and the Columbiana County Health Department. — *vindy.com*

**When AIPAC learned that two of their attendees tested positive for the Coronavirus.**

We have confirmed that at least two Policy Conference attendees from New York have tested positive for the Coronavirus.

We have continued to remain in constant communication with the Westchester County Health Department and the DC Health Department which is coordinating with New York Health Department, and national health authorities. We have consulted with a top infectious disease specialist, Dr. Edward Septimus - Adjunct Professor Internal Medicine at Texas A&M College of Medicine.

The guidance of these health professionals continues to be that **all conference participants should follow CDC guidelines** and consult their health care providers if they feel ill or have medical questions.

**If you test positive for Coronavirus**, we urge you to inform your local health authorities so they can properly coordinate their response to this situation with the appropriate health authorities. — *thehill.com*

