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Austal family,

Unfortunately, we learned this morning that a fellow employee has tested presumptive positive for COVID-19. Fortunately, the employee is reportedly recovering well at home. The employee was working first shift in the MMF phase 2 pipe shop. The employee has not been on campus since Mar. 16 except for four hours on Apr. 2.

As per Austal and CDC protocol, those that worked in close contact of the employee (as defined by CDC) are being quarantined for 14 days since last potential exposure. We have also completed a deep cleaning of the identified work areas.

I also wanted to address what many of you are starting to hear and see regarding the CDC's recommendation to wear cloth face coverings.

The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, and especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

Austal has enough PPE, including face masks, face shields, and screens, etc. to address our normal manufacturing activities, along with supporting areas where social distancing is a challenge. Austal is also seeking alternative cloth face covering options so we can help preserve the medical grade masks for the health care providers across the country. We will keep you posted on our progress.

If you choose to make your own cloth face covering, the CDC has communicated guidelines on how we can all make cloth masks at home. [Click this link](#) to view the CDC's page and learn more.

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Bandanas and balaclavas (neck gators) are useful as well. Since N95 and surgical masks are in limited supply, we must limit their use to specifically required manufacturing applications and other alternate face shields/coverings are not available when social distancing is a challenge. Your help is greatly appreciated here.

Again, our number one priority is the health and well-being of our employees. We will continue to focus on following CDC guidelines for the workplace, make adjustments as the situation evolves, and communicate our progress. It is also important each of us individually continues to follow those guidelines both here and at home.

I also ask that you please limit your travel to other workspaces, offices, and buildings whenever possible. It is best to utilize landline phones, cell phones and radios as frequently as we can.

I am so proud of how we've been able to work through this incredible challenge so far. It is a testament to the pride and dedication each one of you has to each other and our Nation. It is that Austal pride, teamwork and commitment that will get us through this together.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name "Craig".

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