

A **53 year old female** employee contracted **COVID-19** while working as a principal court clerk at the front window of the clerk's office. She was approached daily by members of the public.

It was determined that the victim was approached on August 2 by a client wishing to pay fines and fees. That client relayed to the victim that she had tested positive to COVID-19. There was a partition between the victim and client. The victim also spoke to the client via a microphone system. The client slid her documents under the glass partition to the victim which she retrieved, then processed the information on behalf of the client. The victim passed all the documents back and the client left the premises.

On August 9, 2021, the victim tested positive and on August 14, 2021, the employee was hospitalized with COVID-19 symptoms. On September 1, 2021, the victim passed away from complications due to COVID-19.

It was determined during the investigation that the employer was following current CDC guidelines and was taking numerous steps to protect employees from COVID-19. The employer posted COVID posters and required social distancing, face coverings, hand washing, sanitizing, reducing contact with the public via the use of a glass partition and microphone system to protect employees.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

No citations issued.

