Last week, workers in the Beaver County Department of Assessment were exposed to an additional worker who tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, Beaver County did not have any predetermined plan in place for when, not if, a worker contracts this potentially-deadly virus.

After five SEIU Local 668 members were exposed to coronavirus, they were forced to take their own time off work and individually schedule testing to ensure they did not contract the virus. These members could not receive clear guidance from anyone in management with the County, from their own department management to the Human Resources department or even the Beaver County Commissioners. This is unacceptable--in the age of this global pandemic, an employer can not require workers to quit teleworking and come into a work location without having clear, widely-shared procedures when an employee tests positive.

On Monday, we released Beaver County’s COVID-19 policies with our own revisions and guidance that offers clear, direct policies to protect all Beaver County workers as well as the general public coming into the municipal buildings. Protecting workers from contracting this virus should be of the utmost importance to Beaver County, but the fact that they had no policy in place for exposure is telling.

We’re calling on Beaver County Commissioners and management to adopt these common-sense policies to protect their workforce as well as residents. Join us in supporting workers in Beaver County by sending an email to their commissioners calling to enact these new policies immediately.

Complete this form to support members in Beaver County now: https://act.seiu.org/onlineactions/I3Y4KpdqY0-H6f1ZORuTcw2