
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. **335** Session of
2020

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 16, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the Senate by adding a rule providing for
2 notification of COVID-19 potential exposure protocol.

3 WHEREAS, The purpose of the temporary emergency rules is to
4 maintain the continuity of the legislative operations of the
5 Senate, which in turn, protects the health, safety and welfare
6 of the residents of this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The Senate adopted temporary emergency rules on
8 March 18, 2020, to allow for remote voting and virtual
9 operations in order to maximize physical distancing and mitigate
10 the spread of COVID-19; and

11 WHEREAS, On May 4, 2020, the Chief Clerk of the Senate
12 adopted a policy to develop a COVID-19 potential workplace
13 exposure protocol, including a requirement for supervisors to
14 notify their caucus administrator of any potential employee
15 exposure and for a response team consisting of a caucus
16 administrator or human resources director, a member of the Chief
17 Clerk's office and the employee's Chief of Staff or supervisor
18 be informed to address each potential exposure incident; and

1 WHEREAS, To facilitate complete sharing of information and
2 assess risks to the members and staff, Senate Rules must be
3 expanded to require notification of potential exposures by
4 members and Harrisburg staff to all caucuses, agencies and
5 offices located in the Capitol Complex; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the temporary emergency Rules of the Senate be
7 amended by adding a rule to read:

8 Rule 38. Notification of COVID-19 potential exposure protocol.

9 Notwithstanding Rule 25, in addition to complying with Chief
10 Clerk policy adopted May 4, 2020, entitled "COVID-19 Potential
11 Workplace Exposure Protocol," any potential exposure of a
12 Senator or staff member who has been physically present in the
13 Capitol during any part of the immediate preceding 14 days shall
14 be reported to the Caucus Administrator of the Senate Republican
15 and Democratic Caucuses, the Caucus Administrator of the House
16 Republican and Democratic Caucuses and the Secretary of General
17 Services.