A 29 year old male employee contracted COVID-19 while he worked as a sales consultant for an automotive dealer during a COVID outbreak. He worked in an area that was a 64’ x 44’ office space in the south half of the main building used for car sales.

Based on interviews, photographs, and documents obtained during the inspection the following conclusions were drawn: Five (5) employees at the worksite tested positive for COVID-19 in the period between 11/7/2021 and 11/18/2021. The first employee at the site to test positive was sent home on 11/6/2021 after developing COVID symptoms approximately halfway through the workday. Two other employees, both of whom would later test positive with COVID, worked with the exposed individual that day. Another employee was sent home with COVID 19 symptoms on the same day as the second & third exposed persons. All three employees were sent home on 11/11/2021 with COVID symptoms. The victim worked and was exposed to the infectious individuals on 11/5, 11/6, 11/9, and 11/11. According to the CDC, symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Based on this information, it is reasonable to assume he contracted COVID-19 at work on one of those four dates, as his symptoms developed 5 days after his last known exposure.

No major issues that contributed to the fatality were found in the employer's implementation of the CDC guidelines. According to interviews and documentation provided by the employer, extensive efforts had been made to comply with guidelines. The employer’s PPE policy was appropriate. Employees and guests in the facility are required to wear masks. Employees are provided appropriate cleaning equipment and required to social distance. Finally, employees are permitted to work from home, if desired.

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.