

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 24, 2020) – A tenth Port Authority of Allegheny County employee has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee works in maintenance at the West Mifflin garage and last worked on Tuesday, April 21. The employee has been off since Tuesday in self-quarantine.

The entire West Mifflin garage was deep cleaned and sanitized by Service Master of Greater Pittsburgh today after consultation with union leadership as there has been a cluster of positive COVID-19 cases among maintenance personnel at this facility. This is the sixth case at that location.

Other steps being taken at this facility:

- Starting at midnight today, the number of maintenance employees working during each shift was further reduced so there are no more than 10 maintenance employees working on any shift.
- Starting at midnight on Sunday, all employees at this location will have their temperatures taken before starting their shift. Any employee with a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be sent home, with pay, until cleared by their medical provider to return to work.

The Authority is continuing to work with public health officials to implement any additional recommendations and will also reinforce with all employees recommended hygiene protocols and social distancing guidelines.

“We wish this employee a speedy recovery and our thoughts go out to all of our employees affected by the virus,” said Port Authority CEO Katharine Kelleman. “Our team is focused on this cluster of cases at West Mifflin and we have been working with union leadership to address this. We are doing everything we can to balance the safety of our employees and maintaining critical transit services that operate out of this garage.”

Port Authority has sought to minimize the spread of the virus by disinfecting vehicles more frequently, promoting social distancing, having customers board from the back doors, limiting the number of passengers on vehicles, and asking riders to cover their faces when riding.

The Authority has more than 2,600 employees, including 1,300 operators and 800 mechanics.

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