

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 27, 2020) - An eleventh Port Authority of Allegheny County employee has tested positive for COVID-19.

The employee works in maintenance at the West Mifflin garage. They last worked on Monday, April 20, and has since been in self-quarantine.

The entire West Mifflin garage has been deep cleaned and sanitized twice in the last two weeks, most recently on Friday, April 24. This is the ninth case at the West Mifflin garage and seventh among the maintenance employees who work there.

In response to this cluster of cases, Port Authority on Sunday began taking employees' temperatures before starting their shift. Any employee with a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be sent home, with pay, until cleared to return to work by their medical provider.

Additionally, 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.

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. As of today, Port Authority has 93 employees awaiting COVID-19 testing. Fifty-one employees have returned to work since testing negative.

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