

WEEKLY COVID-19 CASE UPDATE (July 15, 2020) – Six Port Authority employees have tested positive for COVID-19 since last week’s update, bringing the total number of employee cases to 27.

Fifteen of these employees have been cleared to return to work. Eleven are at home recovering. One employee remains hospitalized.

Case #22

A service person at the East Liberty Garage, this employee tested positive on Thursday, July 9. They last worked on Wednesday, July 8 and has been in a medically directed self-quarantine since that time. The employee reports that they recently traveled out of state.

Case #23

A mechanic in the Auto Shop at South Hills Junction, this employee tested positive on Thursday, July 9. They last worked on Thursday, July 2 and has been in a medically directed precautionary self-quarantine since that time. The employee reported when initially placed in quarantine that they had been in close contact with a relative who recently tested positive for the virus.

Case #24

A bus operator at the East Liberty Garage, this employee tested positive on Friday, July 10. They last worked on Monday, July 6 and has been hospitalized since that time.

Case #25

A bus operator at the East Liberty Garage, this employee tested positive on Friday, July 10. They last worked on Thursday, July 2 and has been in a medically directed precautionary self-quarantine since that time. The employee reported that they recently traveled out of state.

Case #26

An employee who works in the light rail Systems and Power Department at South Hills Junction, this employee tested positive on Friday, July 10. The employee last worked on Wednesday, July 1 and has been in a medically directed precautionary self-quarantine since that time. The employee reported that two family members have also tested positive for the virus.

Case #27

A bus operator at the West Mifflin Garage, this employee tested positive on Saturday, July 11. The employee last worked on Wednesday, July 8, and has been off in a medically directed self-quarantine since that time.

As soon as these employees reported that they were self-quarantining pending the results of their tests, management at their respective work locations ordered a deep cleaning and sanitization of the facilities, and where appropriate, the last vehicles they drove.

In cases where the employee had been back to their work location, Port Authority also contracted a third-party company to deep clean and sanitize those areas.

Contact tracing investigations were completed by Port Authority's System Safety Department for each of the employees. Any coworkers with whom they were identified to have been in close contact have been held off work as a precaution until they are medically cleared to return.

Additionally, as a result of these cases, Port Authority has begun or extended mandatory on-site temperature screenings at their work locations.

As with all previous cases, Port Authority confidentially reported these cases to the Allegheny County Health Department.

Port Authority reminds all riders that vehicle capacity limits will remain in place so riders can socially distance as much as possible.

Face coverings are required at stops and stations, when boarding and riding inside vehicles, and at the Downtown Service Center.

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