

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (April 28, 2020) - A twelfth 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 Tuesday, April 21, 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 tenth case at the West Mifflin garage and the eighth case involving a maintenance employee at this location.

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 97 employees awaiting COVID-19 testing. Fifty-two employees have returned to work since testing negative.

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