

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (June 29, 2020) – A sixteenth Port Authority employee has tested positive for COVID-19.

The employee is an operator who works out of Port Authority's garage in Collier. They last drove a Port Authority bus on Wednesday, June 24, and has been recovering at home since that time. It is believed that the employee contracted the virus while traveling out of state.

This is the first case at the Collier garage since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Upon learning of this employee's test result, Port Authority mobilized a maintenance crew to perform a deep cleaning of the Collier garage and the buses the operator most recently drove and will have an outside company to sanitize the facility. These efforts are in addition to the enhanced facility and vehicle cleanings already taking place daily.

Port Authority also confidentially reported the information to the Allegheny County Health Department.

The Authority continues to have more than 100 employees absent from work due to precautionary self-quarantine, pre-existing health conditions or other coronavirus-related issues. Port Authority has more than 2,600 employees, including 1,300 operators and 800 mechanics.

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 when boarding and riding inside vehicles, and at the Downtown Service Center.

Beginning this week, Port Authority will provide weekly updates on any future cases each Wednesday. New cases between weekly updates will be tallied at Port Authority's dedicated coronavirus web page www.portauthority.org/coronavirus.

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