

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (May 10, 2020) - A Port Authority bus driver has tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the agency's total number of employees who have tested positive to fourteen.

The employee last worked on Tuesday, May 5, and is currently being treated at a local hospital.

This is the third Port Authority employee who works at the East Liberty garage to test positive. The previous cases were reported on April 10 and March 26.

Upon learning of the case late Saturday night, Port Authority mobilized a maintenance team to disinfect vehicles the employee had most recently operated and areas of the building where the employee was known to have been. An outside company will be brought in to disinfect the building as early as today.

Beginning this week, all employees at the East Liberty garage will go through temperature checks as they enter the facility for at least 14 days. Any employee whose temperature is above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be sent home, with pay.

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. As of Friday, 39 employees were being held out of work pending COVID-19 testing and 89 employees had tested negative.

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