

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (December 7, 2020) - Port Authority today is grieving the deaths of two employees to COVID-19.

**"Today, our hearts are broken. We are mourning the loss of two members of the Port Authority family,"** said Port Authority CEO Katharine Kelleman. "On behalf of Port Authority's Board and the entire agency, we extend our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones. Their commitment to serve customers was truly emblematic of all of our frontline employees."

One employee was an operator for 21 years and most recently worked out of the East Liberty bus garage. He last worked on November 25. A member of his family reported that he had tested positive for COVID-19 on Friday, December 4. He died on Sunday, December 6. He was 57.

The second was an operator for seven years and most recently worked out of the Collier bus garage. He last worked on November 24 and a member of his family reported that he had tested positive for COVID-19 the following day. He died Monday, December 7. He was 34.

Since the start of the pandemic, 186 Port Authority employees have tested positive for COVID-19, including 127 since November 1. Ninety-two have recovered and have been cleared to return to work and 92 are recovering at home.

Port Authority is offering grief counselors to any employees seeking support.

Our of respect for their families, no other details will be provided at this time.

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