

Incident Learning: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

- An employee was experiencing sleeping disorders and nervousness like symptoms and went to his GP.
- During the visit, the GP advised that the patient be tested for COVID-19 as precautionary measure.
- The test result was issued 48 hours later indicating a positive result.
- The patient reported the result immediately to the line manager upon notification from the GP.
- The patient was then sent home to self quarantine.

- Actual and potential consequences
 - One positive infected employee
 - 9 first line contacts (potentially infected)

Immediate actions and learning?

- The Site contact tracing team was activated and began immediately to categorise the various contacts in the mechanical workshop where the positive case works.
- A total of 9 first line contacts were identified and sent home in terms of the Sasol COVID-19 protocols.
 - These employees are in self quarantine for 14 days and will be tested before returning to the workplace.
- Secondary contacts who had exposure to first line contacts were also identified and are being monitored by the employer.
- The affected building was sanitised and cleaned before occupants could return to the workshop the next day.

Learning:

- Source of exposure could not be determined for patient zero, although a memorial service and funeral 10 days prior to his symptoms, are being suspected of possibly infection source.
- Large gatherings must be avoided as far as possible and if attended, stringent hygiene principles must be adhered to at all times.
- 1st contacts were identified mainly due to poor social distancing and non-adherence to face protection practices during lunch periods.