

Incident Learning: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

- During yearly medical surveillance an employee was referred to his general practitioner for further treatment when he presented with a spot on the lungs. He was then referred by his GP to a specialist for routine testing where he tested positive prior to his specialist visit.
- Testing was done on the 17th and results available on the 19th.
- The patient reported the result immediately to the line manager upon notification from his GP.
- The patient was last at work on Sunday 14 June 2020.
- Actual and potential consequences
 - One positive infected employee
 - 13 first line contacts (potentially infected)

Immediate actions and learning?

- The contact tracing team was activated and began immediately to categorise the various people who has been in contact with the individual..
- A total of 13 first line contacts were identified of which 13 was work related and sent home in terms of the 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.
- Improve social distancing in kitchen areas and review lunch times for the different teams.
- Social distancing outside the work environment remains a concern as employees do not adhere to social distancing principles outside the work place.