

Incident Learning: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

Basic information regarding the incident

- A staff member at one of Terminals facilities in Johannesburg tested positive for COVID 19 virus on Tuesday 9 June 2020. The employee experienced sinus and flu like symptoms and self-isolated for three days, and then consulted a doctor. The doctor sent the employee for a Covid-19 test which returned positive. Employee is recovered and doing well.

Actual and potential consequences

- Employee was in self isolation even prior to receiving positive test confirmation, and remains in self-isolation for 14 days
- All household members were also tested, and all returned a negative result
- The employee was in contact with fellow colleagues before showing symptoms (in spite of all staff wearing PPE and clear personal distancing is practiced) and as such those with symptoms were requested to be tested. Three members were tested and all three tests returned negative;
 - One employee self-isolated until the return of a negative test result
 - One employee, being at high employee risk due to age, although with a returned negative result, still showed symptoms – this employee still in 14 day self-isolation
- Staff continue to be monitored on a daily basis.
- The terminal was shut and a team was sent in to disinfect the site. Once declared safe, the employees returned to work.
- The case was reported to both Department of Labour and Department of Health.