

Incident Learning: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

- An employee was experiencing flue-like symptoms and went to consult his GP, also taking into consideration that his lift club colleague tested positive a few days earlier.
- The patient was tested for Covid-19.
- The test result was issued 24 hours later indicating a positive result.
- The patient reported the result immediately to the line manager upon notification from the GP.
- Actual and potential consequences
 - One positive infected employee
 - One first line contact (potentially infected)
 - 1st line contact also travels with a taxi with other employees
 - Masks are worn inside the taxi

Immediate actions and learning?

Actions taken

- The contact tracing team was activated. Interview with the employee revealed minimum contact with employees as he was not at work frequently.
- One 1st line contact was identified, another colleague who travelled with himself and another case who also tested positive.
 - The two employees are in self isolation at their homes.
 - A few employees were identified as borderline 2nd contacts, which travels with the 1st contact. All occupants in the taxi wear their masks diligently and maintain distancing.

Learnings:

- Source of exposure could not be determined.
- Good social distancing and compliant PPE practices in a busy area were the reason for so few contacts being identified.
- PPE compliance during pvt travelling arrangements are of utmost importance.