

Incident Learning: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

Facts gained:

- An employee was experiencing symptoms of coughing, fatigue and body aches for period before he was tested positive.
- The affected person was not in close contact with anyone during his last shift cycle and hence no 1st or 2nd contacts could be confirmed.
- During this time he was only in the operations shelter and on the unit doing standby.
- Social distancing, sanitising and wearing of his mask was adhered to at all times.

Source of exposure could not be determined

Immediate actions and learning?

Actions:

- Affected person was isolated at home.
- Operations shelter was decontaminated.
- Reminding all personnel to keep monitoring themselves for any symptoms as well as to adhere to the basics of social distancing, wearing of masks and good hygiene.

Learnings:

- The timeous reporting to management and self quarantining of individual limited subsequent transmission.
- The vigilant compliance to social distancing, good hygiene and the wearing of a mask by the affected person resulted in a significant reduction of further transmissions in the workplace.