

Incident Learning: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

- An employee was experiencing sleeping disorders and nervousness like symptoms and went to the emergency rooms at Medi Clinic. He was admitted to hospital and was tested as per the hospital protocol.
- The test result indicated a positive result.
- The patient reported the result immediately to the line manager.
- The patient was hospitalized for 2 days and 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 contact tracing team was activated and began immediately to categorise the various people who has been in contact with the individual.
- A total of 9 first line contacts were identified of which all 9 was work related and sent home in terms of the Sasol COVID-19 protocols.
 - These employees are in self quarantine for 14 days and will be screened 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 before occupants could return the next day.

Learning:

- Source of exposure could not be determined for the patient. The patient tested again and tested negative with the consecutive test.
- Social distancing at work limited the exposure to immediate team members only.