

Incident Learning: COVID-19 Positive Test Result

- The employee is a foreman of an employee who tested positive. Interaction is part of their daily job, this includes scoping of jobs etc. The work team is responsible for the site and yard systems. This also involves a certain amount of travel on the site, normally 2 or more employees in one vehicle.
- 1st contacts are tested as part of the site process and this resulted in the employee testing positive for Covid-19.
- The patient reported the result immediately to the line manager upon notification from the laboratory.
- 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 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.

Learning:

- Source of exposure is believed to be contact with the COVID positive team member.
- Improve social distancing during daily plant operations and task execution.