



Incident Report on ILA Worker Positive Coronavirus (COVID-19) Case

Incident Background

- **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** - Report came in to Port Houston at approximately 1800 of a COVID-19 positive ILA worker, who had worked at Port Houston facilities in the past. Port Houston immediately decided to shut down all activity at Bayport and Barbours Cut when we learned that he had worked there several times over the last two weeks. Shutdown concluded by 2100.
- **Thursday, March 19, 2020** - Port Houston conducted a joint investigation with the ILA following confirmation that the person was in fact confirmed positive for coronavirus. The infected ILA worker confirmed that he had accepted jobs posted through Port Houston's normal ILA hiring process for work outside of his normal weekday hours.

Timeline

- **Saturday, March 7, 2020** - Individual began showing symptoms.
- **Monday, March 9, 2020** – Individual took a job at **Bayport** operating mule truck from 1900-2300. When he arrived at Bayport, he made contact with ILA Truck Foreman. There were approximately 6 to 7 others in the office consisting of ILA crane and truck operators, but there was no direct contact with them. Walked out of the office to get truck and bucket. Went back into the Bayport office to turn in paperwork at the end of the shift. Does not recall using restrooms at this terminal.
- **Saturday, March 14, 2020** - Individual took job at **Barbours Cut** starting at 0800 hours. Job was pushed back to 1300 hours. Came back at approximately 1300 but never got to the office because job was pushed back again to 1900 hours. Rode with an ILA clerk in Port truck to the C-0 Empty Yard and rode back with another ILA clerk in Port truck. Also made direct contact with a third ILA clerk. Individual stayed in the same equipment all night (1900-2400, 0100-0600, 0700-1200). Individual stated he used outside restrooms to wash hands at Barbours Cut.
- **Monday, March 16, 2020** – Individual confirmed positive test for COVID-19.
- **Tuesday, March 17, 2020** – Individual hospitalized/quarantined as precaution.
- **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** – Individual's confirmed positive COVID-19 case reported to Port Houston. Barbours Cut and Bayport were promptly closed.

Incident Response

- Following CDC guidelines, all those that were at medium risk level were instructed to self-quarantine (i.e. those in close contact with the individual during the 2 days worked at Port Houston facilities, which included 5 ILA members – 1 at Bayport and 4 at Barbours Cut Terminal).
- Those ILA members that were at low risk have been advised of the circumstances (i.e. those who came in contact but maintained social distancing from the worker while working at Port Houston facilities).
- Port Houston isolated and disinfected equipment and vehicles used by or in proximity to the affected individual.
- Port Houston prioritized workspaces and equipment at Bayport and Barbours Cut Terminals that were a lower risk, and all areas where the individual worked were completely decontaminated

prior to reopening the terminals. Port Houston's Fire Department is trained to decontaminate equipment, vehicles, and office spaces such as the ones that were exposed during this event.

- Out of an abundance of caution, other Port Houston workspaces and equipment with no known risk of exposure continued to be cleaned on Friday. While these other areas were not used by the affected worker and posed no threat from time spent at Port Houston, they were cleaned in an effort to sanitize as much equipment as possible.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) on the cleaning products used and pictures of the cleaning process can be found in a separate attachment.

Conclusion

- Thursday, March 19, 2020 – Following completion of cleanup and disinfection work, Port Houston began vessel operations at Bayport and Barbours Cut Terminals at 1900.
- Friday, March 20, 2020 - Port Houston opened Bayport and Barbours Cut Terminals for normal business operations on Friday morning.