



Incident Report

BCT ILA Worker Positive Coronavirus (COVID-19) Case

Date: March 30, 2020

Incident Background

- **Monday, March 30, 2020** - Report came into Port Houston at approximately 10:30 of a COVID-19 positive ILA worker, who worked at Port Houston's Barbour's Cut Terminal (BCT) as an RTG operator. Port Houston conducted a joint investigation with the ILA that included an interview with the ILA worker that tested positive for COVID-19. It was determined as part of the investigation that the subject had only worked at the BCT terminal over the last 2 weeks.
- Based on the initial investigation results, Barbour's Cut Terminal remained open. The COVID-19-positive individual last worked on Port property on Friday, March 27th, and the weekly decontamination of the terminal occurred over the weekend.

Timeline

- **Thursday, March 26, 2020** - The individual operated RTG Crane BB from 10:30 – 18:00 at BCT. During this time, the individual was transported in a Port van from the BCT office out to the crane pads. As of Thursday, Port Houston began limiting the number of operators to a van to no more than 7 at a time.
- **Friday, March 27, 2020** – The individual operated RTG Crane 404 at BCT from 13:00 – 18:00, and from 19:00 – 00:00. Between 19:00 – 20:00, the individual began showing symptoms of sinus drainage which he attributed to weather changes. The individual wiped down his equipment before his shift with disinfecting wipes. The individual notified the next operator coming in after him to wipe down the equipment as he had showed symptoms and run out of wipes. The individual rode in a Port truck with an ILA worker from the pad to the office. The individual left at approximately midnight.
- **Saturday, March 28, 2020** – Individual seeks medical advice and COVID-19 testing after developing a low grade fever. The individual self-quarantined as a precaution.
- **Saturday, March 28 & Sunday, March 29** – Port Houston began a weekly disinfecting and sanitizing service of all offices and common areas at Bayport and Barbour's Cut Terminals to mitigate the spread of potentially harmful germs and bacteria, including COVID-19. These weekly services include the following 3-step process:
 1. Using wipes/paper by hand, completely disinfect and sanitize all flat surfaces.
 2. Using a chemical sprayer, apply second coating of disinfectant and sanitizer to all surfaces and walls, doors, carpet, floor surfaces etc.
 3. Set-off disinfectant foggers before leaving the room/area.
- **Monday, March 30, 2020** – Individual confirmed positive test for COVID-19. Individual notified walking foreman who in turn notified Port Houston.

Incident Response

- ILA workers in close contact with the individual have been notified and are self-quarantining. Close contact defined by the CDC as being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time (over 10 minutes) during the 48 hours prior to the individual showing symptoms.
- Port Houston isolated the RTG cranes used by the individual (Cranes BB and 404) and cleaned them prior to putting them back in service.
- Prior to this incident, Port Houston began a weekly disinfecting and sanitizing service of all offices and common areas at Bayport and Barbours Cut terminals to mitigate the spread of potentially harmful germs and bacteria. Additionally, Port Houston has been providing disinfecting wipes to equipment operators, who have been instructed to wipe down their equipment and trucks used during their shift. Moving forward, our maintenance employees will follow the same disinfecting procedure when getting in and out of equipment.