



Incident Report

2nd 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 16:30 of a second COVID-19 positive ILA worker, who worked at Port Houston’s Barbours Cut Terminal (BCT) as an RTG operator. Port Houston conducted a joint investigation with the ILA that included an interview with the ILA worker’s supervisor. Investigators were unable to interview the COVID-19 positive ILA worker due to his current medical condition.
- Based on the initial investigation results, Barbours Cut Terminal remained open. The COVID-19-positive individual last worked on Port property on Thursday, March 26th, and the weekly decontamination of the terminal occurred over the weekend.

Timeline

- **Saturday, March 21, 2020** - The individual operated RTG Crane DD.
- **Sunday, March 22, 2020** - The individual operated RTG Crane DD.
- **Monday, March 23, 2020** - The individual operated RTG Crane 403.
- **Thursday, March 26, 2020** - The individual operated RTG Crane 403 and then operated Crane 404 after Crane 403 went out of service due to a mechanical issue. The individual got off at noon. The individual rode in a clerk truck driven by another ILA worker who is already quarantined due to this first COVID-19 case reported on 3/3/2020. According to the supervisor, the individual was not looking well and the individual informed supervisor that he was not feeling well. The individual went straight to an unidentified ER after leaving BCT. After the ER visit and being tested, the individual was then sent home.
- **Saturday, March 28 & Sunday, March 29** – 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, 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 and is quarantined at home.

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 DD, 403, 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.