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NEWS RELEASE

Three more employees positive for COVID-19

Piti, Guam, October 18, 2020: Three more Port Authority of Guam employees have tested positive for COVID-19 with additional exposed employees scheduled for testing on Tuesday morning.

The three additional positive cases include two identified through the Port's Contact Tracing Team as being close contacts of a previous case. The Port's Contact Tracing Team identified 14 Port employees as close contacts of those two cases. They are scheduled to be tested at the Department of Public Health and Social Services on Tuesday.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said that the third positive case involves an employee who was exposed by someone outside of the Port and they were identified by the DPHSS Contact Tracing Team. The outside exposure case does not have any additional close contacts because that employee got sick 11 days ago and secured from work.

"This employee followed the Governor and DPHSS' directives by staying home when sick and thanks to that very responsible action we do not have any additional Port employees exposed," said Respicio.

The latest positive cases bring the Port's total COVID-19 positives to 18 Port employees. In total, the Port's Contact Tracing Team has been able to identify 396 cases of close contact exposure of Port employees and has coordinated testing for exposures with DPHSS.

"We continue to do everything we can to keep our employees and our tenants safe," Respicio said. "We are deep cleaning and sanitizing daily in all of the facilities and we have installed hand sanitizing stations throughout our port. We have established our Port Clinic which has had nearly 29,000 visits since it first opened. Our employees are required to always wear their masks and social distance and this is monitored regularly by our Safety Division. Despite our best efforts we still continue to see employees get exposed as we work every day to ensure the flow of goods into our island remains uninterrupted. The Port Authority of Guam is one family and we continue to keep our fellow Port Strong family members in our prayers every day as we look forward to their speedy recovery."