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Port Issues COVID-19 Update

Piti, Guam, August 26, 2020: Port Authority of Guam General Manager Rory J. Respicio today released the following statement:

"Late yesterday we received the results of the 30 additional Port employees tested as a result of contact tracing for the third positive Port employee and we are pleased to announce that all 30 tests came back negative for COVID-19," Respicio said. "However, a short while later we received notification from a Port employee who was not connected to any of the prior cases that they had tested positive. Our Port Contact Tracing Team began work immediately to identify the employees who had been in contact with our latest case and testing for the additional three potentially exposed employees was completed this morning at the Department of Public Health and Social Services. We also had the area where the employee works deep cleaned as a precautionary measure. Our thoughts and prayers remain with our four coworkers for their full and speedy recovery."

Respicio added that the Port has been working closely with DPHSS Acting Director Arthur U. San Agustin and Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Suzanne Kaneshiro to coordinate testing of all employees identified by immediate contact tracing efforts. As of this morning a total of 129 Port employees have been tested.

Respicio said the Port has been handling its own contact tracing efforts in order to assist DPHSS.

"Our Port Contact Tracing Team has been very aggressive in immediately identifying potentially exposed Port employees and coordinating their testing with public health," Respicio said. "They have also taken courses to become certified in this area."

The Port Contact Tracing Team members are taking their COVID-19 Contact Tracing courses through the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

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