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NEWS RELEASE

Two more Port employees positive for COVID-19

Piti, Guam, October 1, 2020: The Port Authority of Guam today conducted deep sanitizing of several office areas after two more employees tested positive for COVID-19.

The disinfecting of the exposed areas did not lead to any interruption of Port services as employees moved their work to other areas in the building in order to keep the Port operational.

On Wednesday evening Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio was notified that two employees who live in the same household were positive due to an outside exposure to the virus. The Port's Contact Tracing Team immediately began working on the cases and by this morning the contact tracing was completed. There are 22 port employees who have been potentially exposed and will be tested on Saturday morning at the Department of Public Health and Social Services. The latest two positive cases brings the Port's total to nine employees who have tested positive for COVID-19. In total, the Port Contact Tracing Team has been able to identify 325 cases of close contact exposure with the nine port employees and has coordinated testing for all exposures.

"The Port's Safety and Maintenance Divisions conducted the fumigation and deep sanitizing of the offices at the Port today," Respicio said. "Although some offices were temporarily shut down for fumigation, the employees in those areas never stopped working and instead moved their computers and files to other locations such as the board room."

Respicio said the Port continues to take every precaution necessary to combat COVID-19 including daily deep cleaning and sanitizing, the installation of sanitizing stations, the creation of the Port Contact Tracing Team and the establishment of the Port Clinic.

"Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio recognized early on how critical it was to ensure that the flow of goods and materials into our island remained uninterrupted and that's why they authorized the creation of the Port Clinic for employees and tenants which has had more than 27,000 visits," Respicio said. "All of these efforts are being done to ensure that we do not disrupt the supply chain for our community and have helped the Port to remain 100 percent operational since the pandemic began. With these two new cases we will continue to stay operational and keep our employees, our tenants and all of our customer's safe. Our thoughts are with our two employees, and we wish them a full and speedy recovery." -30-

Photo Cutline1: Port Safety Administrator Vincent T. Acfalle exits an office area inside the Port's main administration building Thursday morning after conducting fumigation and deep sanitizing of the area due to exposure of the COVID-19 virus.

Photo Cutline2: Port Tariff Supervisor Jennifer N. Leon Guerrero works on top of boxes inside the Board of Directors Conference Room Thursday morning as her regular office area was being fumigated and deep cleaned due to exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

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