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## **SEPTA Statement: Employee Tested Positive for COVID-19**

PHILADELPHIA (March 24, 2020) – Today, SEPTA was notified that an employee who works at the headquarters building has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee last worked on Thursday, March 19, and reported feeling ill. The employee then consulted with a health care provider and was tested for COVID-19. The employee has quarantined at home, and reported mild symptoms.

The employee received the test results today. This is the first confirmed case of COVID-19 involving a SEPTA employee that has been reported to the Authority.

The employee does not work in a customer-facing job. SEPTA supervisors have notified the employee's co-workers about the situation and of any potential exposure. After the employee reported feeling ill last Thursday, there was an additional cleaning of the area where the employee works. That was in addition to the stepped-up cleaning activities at SEPTA that have been instituted since the COVID-19 outbreak.

SEPTA is working closely with its workforce and leaders of the unions that represent employees to make sure it is providing an environment that is as healthy and safe as possible during this unprecedented crisis. The health and safety of employees and customers is SEPTA's utmost concern. SEPTA is urging any employees with a fever or respiratory illness to remain at home, and contact their healthcare provider.