



# *On The Move*

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## **Local 234 Hit by Two Coronavirus Cases**

Two members of Local 234 have turned up positive for coronavirus, the first of our brothers and sisters known to have contracted the disease, one member from Elmwood Shop and the other from Midvale Shop. As a result, sixteen other members who came into contact with the two workers who came up positive for the virus were sent home for a quarantine period of 14 days, as outlined by the Department of Health, at full pay.

As more tests are done the number of people that test positive is certain to increase. Please be careful and remember that if you don't feel well hit the sick book and if you show the symptoms related to the virus such as a dry cough, fever, or respiratory difficulties, seek medical attention immediately. If you have to hit the sick book you will not be assessed any points or face any discipline.

If you have any underlining health problems that might compromise your immune system, such as kidney problems, heart condition, diabetes or any other health problems, please consult with your doctor for advice on whether it's safe for you to work or not.

We want to make the city proud of our transportation system, but not at the risk of the health or well-being of our members. There's no reason to panic, but it's important that we be as truthful as possible. We don't know who has been stricken with the coronavirus and who has not, after all, you can be positive for the disease, but experience no symptoms. We have no idea how the virus was transmitted in these cases, or exactly where the transmission took place---the virus could have been contracted away from the job.

We have demanded that SEPTA order hand sanitizers and gloves for our members which they have, but so has every other company in the country. Everything is on back order, because of the sudden and massive surge in demand. The Union has also placed an order for 5,000 bottles of hand sanitizer that we are expecting to arrive next week.

We are also working on other safety precautions for our members that we hope to be able to announce and implement next week. Your safety is of paramount importance and the courage that all of the members have exhibited during this pandemic is not going unnoticed.

If you have question concerns or suggestions, please address your staff person or call the Union Hall and leave a message at 215-972-4140. Please stay safe and in touch.

# **We Must and We Will**