

As we discussed on our most recent Port Authority management–Local 85 leadership team call, Port Authority has developed an email notification tool to help provide regular, and (as applicable) urgent, information to all employees concerning the ongoing COVID-19 situation. The notification system is voluntary but provides a way for employees who choose to sign up for it to receive important information in an additional and potentially more timely manner as the spread of the virus continues to impact our region and transit system.

Employees can sign-up using any valid email address by visiting this link: bit.ly/PAAEmail.

We plan to begin rolling this out to employees tomorrow, but wanted to share this information with Local 85 leadership – along with IBEW 29 and PATPA leadership who are also copied on this e-mail – first. We are hopeful that union leadership will join us in getting the word out and encouraging employees to sign up.

Port Authority intends to further improve this service in the near future by expanding options on how employees may receive this information – possibly through text, phone call or a mobile app. We will share these further improvements and options once they are developed.

Finally, please note that we intend to begin rolling out a “Stay Home – Save Lives” message on vehicle headsigns across the fleet starting tomorrow.

We will continue to keep you and the leadership of other unions posted regarding further efforts to improve and enhance both Port Authority’s internal and external communication efforts as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.