



TWU Local 100 President Tony Utano provided the following statement to the media regarding the MTA's report that 19 transit workers, including supervisors, have confirmed cases of the coronavirus.

MARCH 19, 2020 – TWU Local 100 President said the results were “serious and upsetting.” He urged transit workers not to panic but also said the positive tests make it even more urgent for the MTA to arrange for expedited testing of its front-line employees and to consider taking additional aggressive steps to protect them.

“What TWU Local 100 members are doing is nothing short of heroic. They are on the front-line providing critical bus and subway service to hospital workers, first-responders and others who have to get to their jobs because lives depend on it. I’m extremely proud of them. There is a lot of concern and even fear out there but they are doing their jobs.”

“It’s critical that the MTA arrange for the expedited testing of transit workers. Symptomatic transit workers should not have to wait days upon days for test results or be denied testing for any reason. The MTA has to identify any transit workers with the virus to prevent them from spreading it to their co-workers, and should take additional aggressive steps to protect the workforce.”