

**For Immediate Release**

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**UPDATE: WELLAND TRANSIT DRIVER NOT TESTED FOR COVID-19**

**Welland** – An article appeared in yesterday’s Welland Tribune stating that a Welland Transit driver had been tested for COVID-19.

Upon further investigation by Human Resources and Transit Management, and after discussions with the employee, the facts are as follows:

- this past Tuesday, this individual contacted Welland Transit, as well as Human Resources advising that they were experiencing cold/flu like symptoms, possibly COVID-19 symptoms
- this individual was advised by Public Health to go to the Welland Hospital
- medical staff asked the individual questions as part of a COVID-19 assessment and they felt the individual didn’t exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms and therefore a COVID-19 test was not warranted or provided
- this individual informed their Transit Supervisor they had been tested for COVID-19 – **this is not accurate**
- this individual **was not tested for COVID-19**
- the employee remains at home

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