

## COVID-19 at Rauma shipyard

The mapping and testing of those exposed due to the positive corona result of a network partner at RMC's shipyard was initiated on February 12, 2021, under the leadership of the corresponding health authorities in the Rauma region. Testing carried out this far has confirmed 106 cases of COVID-19. Among those tested positive may include cases where the person has already been ill with the coronavirus infection. The test results have been evaluated in more detail by a microbiologist and an infectious diseases specialist, and based on this, about 10 –15% of the shipyard's results are such that they may be related to a previous infection.

"However, since it may also be an incipient disease, we have concluded that it is wisest to isolate everyone who has tested positive at the shipyard", says infectious disease specialist Raija Uusitalo-Seppälä.

Based on testing, tracing and exposure surveys conducted by health authorities, the exposed have been quarantined and isolated. The health authorities have continued conducting testing at the shipyard area today, February 18, 2021, and they will continue the tests also tomorrow, February 19, 2021. All of the people working at the shipyard area will be tested (mass testing).

All of the people tested have been and will be sent home to wait for the test result. Those who are tested positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by the health authorities who will also survey people potentially exposed to the virus. Due to the workload of Rauma health authorities, the response may take more than 24 hours. The health authorities emphasize that the tested should be available to answer their phones as the primary method of contact .

No production work will be carried out at the Rauma shipyard this coming weekend (February 20–February 21, 2021). There will be an intensified corona cleaning in the area. Production work will continue gradually on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6 a.m. Similarly, the use of dining areas will be staggered.

On Monday, February 22, 2021, the arrival of employees to work will be staggered as follows:

1. At 6 a.m., the employees of the block factory and the painting hall will come to work.
2. At 6.30 a.m. NB6002 Wasaline employees will come to work.
3. At 7 a.m. NB6003 Tallink employees will come to work.

Respectively, breaks taken during the working day and departures from work must be carried out in stages.

As we have announced earlier this week, the use of a face mask is mandatory in the Rauma shipyard area. If work or safety factors require, the mask can be removed momentarily. When using a face mask, special attention must be paid to occupational safety.

The COVID-19 operation will continue under the leadership of the health authorities. We have a follow-up meeting every day for the time being and decisions on progress are made in cooperation as required by the situation. So far, the cooperation has been successful and running in good order, with the doctor in charge of the infectious diseases acting as the chairman.

We emphasise the importance of following good hygiene practices and all other guidelines for preventing corona infections, adhering to the required corona tests or quarantine. Only by working together can we prevent the spread of the disease in our common workplace.

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