

March 24, 2020

To All TLS participants:

RE: Additional Hand Wash Basins, COVID19 and Industry-wide health directions

The health and safety of all of our port community workers are of paramount importance to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. As such, the port authority has been actively seeking opportunities to provide additional hand wash basins for our drayage community. Despite the limited supply of these types of facilities in the Lower Mainland, we are very pleased to advise that the port authority has successfully secured portable hand wash basin and washroom units on a temporary basis for our drayage drivers for these challenging times. The port authority is currently in the process of determining locations for these units to be located around the South Shore of Vancouver Harbour, Deltaport and Fraser Surrey Docks. We anticipate that these will be available for use to the drivers within 48 hours.

Furthermore, in light of the COVID-19 challenges, the port authority would like to remind our port users of some key information to help you and your drivers collectively minimize the spread of COVID-19.

LOOK FOR THESE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

FEVER * DRY COUGH * DIFFICULTY BREATHING

IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THE ABOVE, CALL 8-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

*IF YOU SEE ANY OF YOUR OFFICE EMPLOYEES, DRIVERS AND/OR INDEPENDENT OPERATORS EXHIBITING ANY SIGN OF THE ABOVE, SEND THEM HOME, ASK THEM TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR **14 DAYS** AND TO CALL 8-1-1*

IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME

IF YOU HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING, UPON YOUR RETURN TO CANADA

As required by government officials of you must self-isolate for **14 days upon your return from travel.**

If you begin to experience symptoms, **remain isolated**, call 8-1-1, describing your symptoms and travel history, and follow the instructions very carefully.

Note: Truck drivers crossing the border in their trucks for work purposes are not required to self-isolate for 14 days unless they have symptoms. [You can find specific information on essential transportation workers during this time here.](#)

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS WITH GOOD HYGIENE:

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds OR in the absence of being able to wash hands, **use hand sanitizers regularly.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with tissue, or your arm, when coughing or sneezing.
- **Do not touch your face** with unwashed hands.
- **Do not make physical contact**, such as shaking hands or hugging.
- **Keep your working environment clean** regularly with appropriate cleaning products, such as wiping down the inside of the trucks, and the steering wheel.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Maintain a distance of **2 metres from people** at all times.
- Do not gather in large groups.

AS EMPLOYERS, SOME IMMEDIATE ACTION YOU CAN TAKE:

- Provide the necessary cleaning products to your drivers to maintain a clean and safe truck.
- Provide hand sanitizers to be kept in trucks.
- Provide cleaning product to disinfect the trucks a minimum of twice a day.
- Provide any personal protective equipment such as gloves.

AS DRIVERS, REMEMBER TO TAKE CARE WITH:

- A regular practice of good hygiene! Wash your hands or use sanitizer often.
- Keeping your truck disinfected, such as the steering wheel and the gear shifts.
- Staying in your trucks at all times when at the Port of Vancouver, and if you must get out, stay 2 metres apart from others.

If you think you or someone you know has COVID-19, use the [Government of Canada's self-assessment tool](#) to find out what to do.

For more information about COVID-19 and preventative measures that both employers and employees can take, please visit the [Government of Canada on Preventative Measures](#) for essential service workers and the [Province of British Columbia's Centre for Disease Control](#).

We value your service at the Port. Please forward this information to your drivers and independent operators. Stay healthy, safe and take care of each other.

Sincerely,

YOUR TLS ADMINISTRATION TEAM