Membership Briefing Note
COVID-19, March 17 Update 3.0

CURRENT ACTIVITY
Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA)

The STA has been participating in daily calls with the Canadian Trucking Alliance, addressing many of the concerns and challenges COVID-19 has had on the supply chain. These calls will continue for the foreseeable future where we will provide updates to our members. To date:

1. Truck Drivers have been deemed as critical in the fight against COVID-19. The Federal Government has exempted truck drivers from the requirement to self-isolate for at least 14 days upon entering Canada from abroad.

2. Some Temporary Foreign Workers have been denied access to the US at the Buffalo Port of Entry. TFWs are being told if they cross the border, they are worried Canada will not allow them back in the country. The CTA would like to know if any other carriers have experienced challenges at any other port of entry. If so, please reach out to Jordan by email, or call 306-537-0604.

3. CTA and American Trucking Alliance (ATA) are requesting that governments on both sides of the border work with the trucking industry to implement contingencies for qualifying government issued licenses or documentation that may expire during the outbreak. Given the fluidity of this situation, the belief is these government-issued documents could become difficult to renew, if not impossible, if more drastic measures are implemented to respond to the spread of the virus. Trucks are essential to the COVID-19 response efforts. There must be a plan in place in the case of more drastic measures.

4. CTA Jurisdictions Update:
   - **Ontario:** The Premier of Ontario announced a “State of Emergency” for the Province. The announcement concludes with the prohibiting of: restaurants and bars, gatherings of more than 50 people (including indoor recreation centres, theatre, and concert venues, libraries, places of worship, etc.). **This does not apply to Public Transit, Malls, Grocery Stores, and Pharmacies.**
   - **New Jersey:** Carriers and associations raised concerns with CTA on Monday that news reports were stating the State of New Jersey had implemented a curfew for all citizens. At the time it was thought that truck drivers would be captured by the curfew. CTA received confirmation this morning from the New Jersey Motor Truck Association that reports of the curfew were only “suggestions floating in the media” and that truck driver were not affected. There are some provisions for routing restrictions on an ad hoc, as needed basis. But, the order DOES NOT ban trucks on the roads.
Pennsylvania: Reports from carriers began coming in mid-day on Monday that all truck stops and rest areas in Pennsylvania had been shuttered. CTA worked with the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association to confirm that only state operated rest area facilities were closed. All private truck stops and those locations along the PA Turnpike (which are also privately operated) remain open. The association in Pennsylvania are working with the Governor’s to resolve the matter.

SGI Update

1. SGI has heightened measures for anyone with a scheduled road-test or in-person written test. They will be asked screening questions to determine if they are well enough to continue with their appointment. If you are currently unwell and have already booked a written or road test, please visit MySGI or call 1-844-TLK-2SGI (1-844-855-2744) to re-schedule it at no cost (deadlines will be extended).

2. As the STA owns and shares space with HAL Insurance, SGI is reminding you of their online Auto Fund services. If you are an Auto Fund customer, many transactions can be conducted online using MySGI.ca – including payments, vehicle registration renewals and cancellations, registration eligibility declarations, driver’s licence payments, auto claims, and SGI CANADA auto and property policy payments. You may also track claims, make e-payments and print vehicle registration certificates.

3. HAL Insurance would also remind you that a majority of your business can be handled over the phone. We do ask if you are symptomatic or have been travelling abroad to heavily affected areas, to please be respectful and avoid visiting our offices. Please contact our office at 306-569-2150.