Government Briefing Note
COVID-19 - March 18, Update 4.0

CURRENT ACTIVITY
Provincial Update

- **STA Staff:** The STA has been working diligently to stay on top of the COVID-19 outbreak. The trucking industry is still operating to ensure Saskatchewan has food, water and medicine to help protect our citizens. Please recognize Truck drivers are still hard at work; show your appreciation – a big thank you, snacks, hand sanitizer and access to facilities are the best way to thank the drivers for all they are doing in these uncertain times. #wearetrucking

- The STA has been in close contact with Government of Saskatchewan officials, including those from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and SGI. We can ensure our members that your voice and concerns are being heard at a senior level in government as we work together to solve many of the persisting challenges COVID-19 has presented to the trucking industry. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any concerns. STA staff has started calling members individually to hear your concerns as well.

- **COVID-19 Numbers:** On March 18, 2020, Saskatchewan announced 8 new presumptive positive COVID-19 tests, bringing the total to 16 reported cases in Saskatchewan. View here. STA staff urges your company to deploy best practices in your response to the virus. View here for Exposure Control Measures

- **Ministry of Highway and Infrastructure Budget Briefing:** The 2021 budget was shared with stakeholder today. After the Minister presents the budget in the Legislature, more details will follow.

Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) Update

1. CTA Jurisdiction Update:
   a. **New York:** New York’s Lewis County has closed the doors of its Department of Motor Vehicles until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak— the first in the nation to do so. This could prompt discussion of more DMVs across the United States following suit. 40,000 CDLs (commercial driver’s licenses) are issued every month by DMVs.
   b. **PEI:** The PEI Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy is issuing a 60-day extension to expired driver license and vehicle registration to alleviate issues for drivers until they can return to a normal service level. Due to the PEI declaration of a Public Health Emergency, all Access Prince Edward Island Offices will be closed until March 30.
   c. **Indiana:** Indiana State Police have opened all Indiana weigh stations to ALL truck drivers for parking 24/7 (except Seymour due to construction on I-65) in conjunction with the
FMCSA HOS waiver. You do not need to be hauling essential goods for the waiver to park. Parking locations can be found, [here](#).

2. **Trucking Remains an Essential Service:** The Prime Minister announced March 18, 2020 that truck drivers would not be impacted by new measures that will close the Canada-U.S. border to all non-essential travel. Drivers will not be required to self-isolate for 14-days when the arrive back in Canada, however, you should self-monitor any symptoms.

3. **CCMTA and CTA Working Together:** The CCMTA and CTA are working closely together to the delivery of government services that support permits and licensing in this rapidly changing environment. Both groups want to ensure a contingency plan is in place in case additional measures need to be taken to address COVID-19. It is important the government supports the safe and efficient movement of goods.

4. **Temporary Foreign Workers:** It was reported Canadian Temporary Foreign Workers were experiencing challenges at the Buffalo Port of Entry border crossing into the U.S. The initial announcement of non-Canadians not being able to travel to Canada caused confusion and U.S Customs incorrectly interpreted the ruling. This issue has now been resolved and all Truck Drivers in Canada, TFW or not, can cross the border.

5. **Self-Monitoring vs. Self-Isolation**— The government of Canada has released the following guideline which can be helpful in communicating the exemption for truck drivers when it comes to self-isolation as well as differentiating between the self-monitoring, self-isolation and self-quarantine for all employees: