Membership Briefing Note
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CURRENT ACTIVITY

Provincial Update:

SGI:

SGI has temporarily suspended all road tests. Written tests including commercial licenses are still ongoing. Also note, SGI is working with stakeholders, STA included, to come up with alternatives to continue commercial road tests.

SGIs Class 1 Instructor course for MELT originally scheduled for March 30, has been postponed to September.

SGI will be allowing a 3-month extension for Commercial Medical due dates. SGI will also have a nurse reviewing commercial medicals if a driver needs to pre-qualify.

Insurance:

Canada’s life and health insurers are confirming that group out-of-country medical coverage for commercial truckers will continue uninterrupted. Today, after hearing from its members, the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association has confirmed that commercial truckers with group insurance coverage will continue to have coverage for emergency out-of-country medical expenses as they bring goods across the US-Canada border. You can read the CLHIA news release, here.

National Update

The Canada-US border will officially close to all non-essential travel beginning tonight. Again, this will not impact Commercial Trucking Activity, including for Canadian Temporary Foreign Workers. Prime Minister Trudeau has unequivocally stated, “Trucking will not be affected.”

Canadian Trucking Alliance Update

Ontario Government Announces Measures to Extend Licences, Plates, CVORs During COVID Crisis: As part of the province’s enhanced measures announced earlier today, the Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services and Service Ontario, is extending the validity period of driving products, services and health cards. You can read all the details, here.