MEMBERSHIP BRIEFING NOTE
COVID-19—UPDATE 10.0—MARCH 24

STA News

The STA continues to advocate for hygienic supplies for our STA member employers, including hand sanitizer and wipes. The STA has been in contact with the MTA and share their position, that it is clear the provincial government needs a procurement and prioritization strategy around sanitary supplies. This will help ensure that trucking is deemed a top priority to receive sanitary supplies—Trucking has already been deemed an essential service federally and provincially. We urge our government to make this matter a top priority and have written a letter to Premier Moe addressing this critical situation.

SGI Updates

SGI continues to respond to COVID-19 and doing everything they can to serve their customers, with health and safety in mind. Currently, SGI employees are working from home. All SGI issuing offices and claims offices are closed to the public, except by appointment only for certain transactions. License issuing services in SGI facilities are closed too. Independent license issuers may do as they wish. HAL Insurance has closed its doors to the public BUT is still here to renew over the phone and can do so (306) 569-2150.

SGI is encouraging transactions to be done online through MySGI.ca. Vehicle registrations, renewals, cancellations, driver’s license payments and auto claims can all be done via online through your MySGI account. Follow the link to learn more about how to use your MySGI account and the various transactions you can do online. The website covers, driver testing information, claims and appraisals and other important notices.

If you need IRP Plating and Renewals, contact Rhonda @ CTCI (306) 545-8400

Quebec Updates

Priority transportation and logistics services—Quebec:

- mass transit and passenger transportation;
- ports and airports;
- locomotive and aircraft maintenance services and essential aeronautical services (air transport);
- procurement and distribution of foodstuffs, grocery stores and convenience stores;
- transportation, warehousing and distribution of essential goods;
- snow removal and maintenance of functional road links;
- service stations and mechanical repair of motor vehicles, trucks and specialized equipment for industries deemed essential and roadside assistance;
- taxis, paratransit;
- postal services, message handling and parcel delivery.
Rest Areas:

Janis Etem owns an ice cream shop (No. 1 Ice Cream) situated along highway 1 in Tompkins, SK. It is a seasonal business, however upon news that truck drivers are having difficulties accessing food when on the road, her shop will be opening officially at 11am, Monday March 30, 2020. Hours will be from 11am-6pm. Burgers, hot dogs, taco in a bag, chicken fingers, etc, as well as ice cream is on the menu. There is also plenty of space for trucks to park! Again, Janis is located to the west of the Co-op Gas Station at the Tompkins turnoff. You can call or text ahead of time (30 minutes) and Janis will have your order ready for pick up. Phone number is 306-671-7467. Menu is on the NO. 1 Ice Cream Facebook Page

OnRoute Open to Truckers: Ontario’s 23 OnRoute location continue to operate. Seating has been blocked off and changes have been made to some operating hours. The centers are located off of Highways 400 and 401, are open 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Dining and seating hours will be closed until at least March 31.

Travelling East: If you find yourself travelling east (ONT, QB, Maritimes), make sure to share with your drivers, Pipeline Commercial locations will remain open with full amenities, including showers at no charge to drivers. They will be increasing their sanitization efforts at these locations. See a list of available locations.

CTA Report

FMCSA Grants Waivers for Certain Regulations: FMCSA granted a waiver from certain regulations applicable to interstate and intrastate commercial driver’s license (CDL) and commercial learner’s permit (CLP) holders and to other interstate drivers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). The waiver includes specific language with respect Canadian provinces and territories who have issued similar notices extending compliance dates. The FMCSA waiver expires on June 30, 2020.

The specific language is below.

- In accordance with 49 CFR 383.23(a)(1) and 391.41(a)(1)(i), FMCSA continues to recognize the validity of commercial driver’s licenses issued by Canadian Provinces and Territories and Licencias Federales de Conductor issued by the United Mexican States, in accordance with 49 CFR part 383, when such jurisdictions issue a similar notice or declaration extending the validity date of the medical examination and certification and/or validity of the corresponding commercial driver’s license due to interruption to government service resulting from COVID-19.

For complete details, click here https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/fmcsa-cdl-waiver-32420

Jurisdictional Actions in Response to COVID-19: CTA and CCMTA have been working in partnership along with provincial associations to ensure carriers have the most accurate information regarding how provinces and territories are dealing with matters such as Plates and Licensing. The CCMTA has compiled a table of jurisdictional updates, current as of March 24.
CTA Call-to-Action: Thank a Truck Driver—the CTA is calling on supply-chain members to utilize the power of social media to Thank a Trucker. CTA wants you to share a message, record a video, or simply share an image to tell the world why you are thankful for truckers. Truck Drivers have answered the call in the wake of COVID-19, as they always have and will respond when our Nation needs them most. Check out CTA Chair Scott Smith’s message to our nation’s truck drivers.

Trucking Related COVID-19 Webinar

CVSA Webinar: The Trucking Industry’s Guide to Infectious Substances and COVID-19. On this webinar, CVSA will offer personal protection and decontamination guidelines, a primary concern for everyone on the frontline. They will also cover inspection guidelines and regulations applicable to shipping patient samples and hospital waste associated with the virus.

Trucking HR Canada

Coronavirus HR Comms & Resources Guide: Find a number of guides and plans to help your workplace respond to COVID-19.