Reminder!
Event Cancellations

At this time we will be cancelling our upcoming Networking Breakfast on April 2nd and the Stakeholder Reception on April 8th to ensure the health and safety of all. Any companies that have paid for the breakfast registrations will be refunded. A future date will be looked at for rescheduling these important events.

International Cares About Drivers!

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News from the STA Office

Employer Support Guide

Federal and Provincial governments have been rapidly announcing a bundle of new supports aimed at helping Canadian businesses navigate these uncertain economic times. Announcements such as the Wage Subsidy for Employers, the Business Credit Availability Program, Emergency Business Account, as well as Saskatchewan specific help from the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training’s Labour Market Branch on Work Share programs and other workplace supports can all be found in this helpful employer resource guide put together by the STA. Find here.

Drug and Alcohol Testing

Haztech has reached out to the STA informing us their services are still available. Also, please find below under ‘US News’ a guidance document on how to approach drug and alcohol testing during COVID-19.

Looking to Hear from You

The STA encourages you as our members to continue to reach out to us with your questions and concerns. Our goal at the STA is to make your life easier. We want to support you so keep calling. Whether its border issues, hours of service clarification, or you need sanitation supplies, let us know and we will do our best to help. Today the STA sent a letter to CBSA North Portal asking border officials to stop spreading misinformation and mistreating drivers as they come through. We have had multiple reports now about this issuing persisting.

Saskatchewan Trucking Association Virtual Classes Now Happening!

The Saskatchewan Trucking Association is now offering virtual training! All the great things about our in-class training now virtual. To register for the course please fill out a registration form. The STA website training calendar is now up to date and you can view upcoming classes. Click here to access.
News from Saskatchewan

Workers Compensation SK

The Saskatchewan Workers’ Compensation Board (WCB) is introducing relief measures for employers who are unable to pay their WCB premium payments. To provide further relief for Saskatchewan employers, the WCB is:

- Waiving penalties and interest charges for late premium payments from April 1 until June 30, 2020. This three-month period of waived charges is similar to other Boards’ relief measures.
- Forgiving interest and penalties for late payments applied in the month of March.
- Prioritizing employer payroll revisions to help employers reduce their premiums.
- Suspending payroll audits until further notice except in situations where an employer may be eligible for a refund.

You can read more and have your questions answered, here.

Interprovincial Borders

Please be aware Government of Canada has instituted check points at high traffic interprovincial borders (MB/SK border). There is no plan to close these borders, however check points are in place to inform travelers of the risk of COVID-19. These will cause some delays, please inform drivers and let me know of any challenges.

Notes:
- Provincial employees will be masked and gloved
- All traffic to be stopped & handed an info brochure about the need for travelers (both international and inter-provincial) to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Travelers will be asked not to exit their vehicles at the check stop
- No one will be prevented from entering the province but will be for information purposes only

Out of Province

MB Checkpoint

In an effort to inform travellers about COVID-19, the MB government has established five checkpoints to inform travellers. Checkpoints will be located at the:

Ontario border:
- Trans-Canada Highway East (West Hawk Lake/Falcon Lake);

Saskatchewan border:
- Trans-Canada Highway West (west of Kirkella/Elkhorn/Virden)
- PTH 16 (west of Russell);
- PTH 5W (west of Roblin); and
- PTH 2 (west of Sinclair/Reston/Souris)
**MB Spring Load Restriction**

The Manitoba Trucking Associations reports the Manitoba government is easing [2020 Spring Road Restrictions](https://example.com) to aid the transportation of essential commodities. Under normal conditions, spring weight restrictions are enforced on Manitoba’s surfaced roads during the spring. This protects roads from excessive damage by reducing the axle weights of heavy commercial vehicles during the period when roads are most at risk of weakening under spring rains and thawing.

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**National News**

**DOT Guidance on Compliance with DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulations**

On March 23, 2020, the USDOT Office of Drug and Alcohol Compliance and Enforcement (ODAPC) issued a [guidance document](https://example.com) to provide clarity to DOT-regulated employers, employees, and service agents on conducting DOT drug and alcohol testing given concerns about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

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**FMCSA COVID-19 Drug and Alcohol Testing Guidance**

On March 24, 2020, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued a [guidance document](https://example.com) with recommended actions for FMCSA-regulated employers unable to conduct alcohol and drug testing due to COVID 19. This guidance is currently in effect until May 30, 2020.

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**Canadian Trucking Alliance**

**Thank a Trucker Swag**

As part of the CTA campaign, they have now made available for order #ThankaTrucker hats a t-shirts for your employees and customers. During these challenging times, the trucking industry has an opportunity and an obligation to highlight the herculean efforts of our tireless truck drivers and support staff who are keeping our supply chain moving. Show your support, get on social media and encourage other to do the same. [See here](https://example.com), to order shirts today!