



Update Notice: To All Employees/Contractors

April 6, 2020

Siemens Transportation Group Inc. continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and is taking all necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of our Employees/Contractors while continuing to provide essential services to our communities.

Provincial Check-Points - CDN

As a response to COVID-19, roadside check-points have increased across Canada. The purpose of these checkpoints is to provide awareness materials to motorists about the virus and government policy and, in some cases, more restrictive measures that limit non-essential travel into a specific province or region to prevent the further spread of the virus. [Click here for a list of Roadside Check-Points.](#)

Truckstop Restrictions and Availability

Ontario - ONroute announced their travel plazas will remain open for take-out, grab-and-go and drive through services. In addition, their sites will continue to offer 24-hour washroom facilities.

Canada - Effective April 2, 2020 Tim Hortons announced they have opened more than 400 locations along Canadian highways to truck drivers, providing counter access to food and drink services as well as washrooms. In addition the company is working on a new curbside mobile ordering system for truck drivers.

US - Effective April 3, 2020 the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a notice allowing states to let food trucks set up at Interstate highway rest areas. Previously, commercial activity along federally-funded highways was prohibited.

US & Border News

Laredo, Texas - Effective April 2, 2020, the City of Laredo, Texas will be requiring all people to wear face coverings in public (ie. homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief) – or risk a misdeemeanour charge or fine of up to \$1,000. For truck drivers passing through Laredo, Texas, this means face coverings is required when fueling at a truck stop, entering a shipper or receiver, or entering a grocery store. The face mask requirement will be in place until April 30, 2020.

Trucking Remains Essential Service - It has come to our attention that flyers being provided by CBSA officials on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) at the border, were causing confusion and concern for truck drivers returning from travel in the US. The flyer states that all travelers returning from cross-border travel are required (mandated) to self-isolate for 14-days upon return to Canada. As indicated through multiple government statements and CTA communications, truck drivers remain an essential service, and drivers are exempt from self-isolation requirements when returning from travel in the US. Truck drivers are being asked to continually self-monitor the status of their health and are advised to self-isolate should they become symptomatic.

Returning Home Checklist - Driver/Contractors

There is detailed information available on social distancing, proper hand washing and sanitation of trucks (handles, cab, seats, etc.). Further to that, Drivers are asking about safety steps to be taken when they go home. Below is a checklist of recommendations to help you transition into being home/days off:

It is recommended that you follow this checklist upon transitioning into being home/days off:

- Clean/Sanitize any equipment used during the shift with soap and water or disinfecting wipes, including: boots/shoes, flashlights, other equipment items in your truck.
- Remove work clothes before going home, including boots/shoes, and place in bag until laundry can be washed.
- Put on clean clothes and shoes. Prior to putting on clean clothes and shoes, wash thoroughly or sanitize, (shower, if at all possible).
- If you can't change prior to going home:
 - Remove boots/shoes outside
 - Remove work clothes in a pre-identified place in your residence (inside your garage) or,
 - Consider setting up a tent outside or,
 - Section off a room in your house.
- Shower and wash thoroughly as soon as you get home (avoid touching any surfaces prior).
- When you bring any item into the house, sanitize or wash it immediately (mugs, lunch bags, clothes, etc.). Remember after that's done to sanitize the work area and yourself again.

Tip: If it doesn't have to leave the truck, leave it in the truck.

for more information about the virus

CANADA

Public Health Agency of Canada
1-833-784-4397
canada.ca/coronavirus
phac.info.asp@canada.ca

US

Centre for Disease and Prevention
1-800-232-4636
cdc.gov/COVID19

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World Health Organization
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