



# It Is Safe To Work With Our Drivers

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a trucking company, we are very aware of our clients' concerns about exposure to COVID-19. Our drivers already self-isolate during normal operations because they spend most of their workday alone. When they do come in contact with people, they interact very little. We have taken things further during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have adjusted our carrier guidelines for pick-up and drop-off. In this way we will ensure we limit exposure of our corporate partners and our drivers.

The government has declared truck drivers, including **cross-border** drivers, as essential service providers. The 14-day self-isolation period does **NOT apply** to them. But all travellers crossing the border could be a risk to Canadians. It is important that cross-border drivers strictly follow the recommended public health practices from the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). They must also follow federal and international COVID-19 policies and procedures. These include, but are not limited to:

- Physical distancing of 2 metres/6 feet
- Washing their hands regularly
- Using PPE:
  - Nitrile Gloves (instead of regular work gloves)
  - Face mask (BCCDC says masks may protect others from you if you have the virus but no symptoms. You must still follow all procedures, especially physical distancing.)
  - Hand sanitizer
- Cleaning/disinfecting with an alcohol-based cleaner or disinfecting wipes or spray and paper towel. Use soap and water if those are not available. Thoroughly clean areas they touch:
  - Surfaces around them
  - Equipment they use
  - Inside of the truck (door handles, keys, steering wheel, buttons and switches, wiper and signal handle, shifter, dash, grab handles, armrests, seat belt latches and latch plates, etc.)



- Covering their hands when:
  - Pumping gas
  - Touching public door handles
  - Performing vehicle maintenance
- Coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue
  - Washing/disinfecting their hands immediately after coughing or sneezing and disposing of tissue in a waste container
- Self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms daily (required by BCCDC)
- Reporting any symptoms to their employer
  - And not coming to work or the work site if they have any COVID-19 symptoms
- Continuing self-isolation on their days off

**For more information, please visit:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-guidance-essential-service-workers-travel.pdf>

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Communication is the most important part of making these procedures work. We want to keep the supply chain running and reduce exposure and cross-contamination. We also want to reduce the worry felt by clients, workers and their families. As corporate partners, we are in this together. We need your help to ensure the safety of your workers and our drivers while they are on your site. To that end, we need the following details from you before our driver arrives:

- **When** our driver needs to be on site
- **How** our drivers should proceed (procedures they need to follow)
- **What** goods and paperwork are involved
- **Where** specifically on your site the driver should go
- **Who** the driver should contact at your site
- **Access** to a washroom or portable toilet with handwashing or sanitation ability

This information will help us limit exposure and create a safe work process specific to your site(s).

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The situation is changing as we learn more about COVID-19. Government and regulators are adjusting their pandemic response plans and supply chain needs. Keeping that supply chain up and running requires a team effort. None of this could happen without our partnership with carriers like you. We appreciate your dedication and support.

Thank you,

## Additional Resources:

[https://www.bctrucking.com/sites/default/files/bcta\\_covid-19\\_best\\_practices.pdf](https://www.bctrucking.com/sites/default/files/bcta_covid-19_best_practices.pdf)

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/motorvehiclesafety/federal-safety-guidance-protect-drivers-limit-spread-covid-19-commercial-vehicle-operations.html>

<https://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/English/news-article/13920/choosing-sources-information-carefully-critical-covid-19-mental-well-being-says>

[https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/getting-workplace-ready-for-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=359a81e7\\_6](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/getting-workplace-ready-for-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=359a81e7_6)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaingrowimprovebusiness/resources-for-canadian-businesses.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/risk-informed-decision-making-workplaces-businesses-covid-19-pandemic.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/preventing-covid-19-workplace-employers-employees-essential-service-workers.html>

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