



COVID-19 Information Exchange #5

May 1, 2020



Update on “Stay at Home” Orders

- Governor announced “[Pandemic Resilience Roadmap](#)” this week
 - Similar to White House “Guidelines for Opening Up America Again”
 - Four stages with six monitored criteria announced last week

6 Indicators for Modifying Stay-at-Home Order

- Ability to test, contact trace, isolate, and support the exposed
- Ability to protect those at high risk for COVID-19
- Surge capacity for hospital and health systems
- Therapeutic development to meet the demand
- Ability of businesses, schools, and childcare facilities to support physical distancing
- Determination of when to reinstitute measures like Stay-At-Home

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Stage 2: Lower Risk Workplaces

Gradually opening some lower risk workplaces with ADAPTATIONS:

- Retail (e.g. curbside pickup)
- Manufacturing
- Offices (when telework not possible)
- Opening more public spaces

Expanded Workforce Safety Net:

- Wage replacement so workers can stay home when sick

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Actions needed to get from Stage 1 to Stage 2



Government Actions

- Policies that allow people to stay home when they're sick
- Guidance provided on how to reduce risk



Business Actions

- Wage replacement so workers can stay home when sick
- Implement adaptations to lower-risk workplaces NOW
- Employees continue to work from home when possible



Individual Actions

- Safety precautions – physical distancing, face coverings, etc.
- Avoid all non-essential travel
- Support and care for people who are at high risk

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Stage 3: Higher Risk Workplaces

Open higher risk environments with adaptations and limits on size of gatherings:

- Personal care (hair and nail salons, gyms)
- Entertainment venues (movie theaters, sports without live audiences)
- In-person religious services (churches, weddings)

Stage 4: End of Stay-At-Home Order

Re-open highest risk workplaces with all indicators satisfied once therapeutics have been developed:

- Concerts
- Convention Centers
- Live audience sports

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Guidelines for All Phases: Employers

Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations and guidance, and informed by industry best practices, regarding:

- ✓ Social distancing and protective equipment
- ✓ Temperature checks
- ✓ Testing, isolating, and contact tracing
- ✓ Sanitation
- ✓ Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas
- ✓ Business travel

Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms. Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider.

Develop and implement policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing following employee COVID+ test.

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- **PPE Reminder**
 - **CTA staff connecting members with PPE suppliers.**
 - Over 100 members notified CTA they are in need of N95 masks, wipes, hand sanitizer and other cleaning and safety supplies
 - CTA staff already connecting members with suppliers on first-come, first-serve basis
 - FMCSA providing fabric masks to drivers
 - If you are a buyer or supplier or have a contact for such supplies, please contact Taylor Collison at tcollison@caltrux.org
- **Legislature to Reconvene**
 - Assembly reconvenes May 4
 - Senate reconvenes May 11
 - Session significantly shortened, single committee hearings per area. 90+% of bills will not move past first committee.

COVID-19 Flexibilities – In Effect (UPDATES)

- **Expiring MCPs, Med Certs & Vehicle Registrations**
 - California DMV now accepting medical examiner certificates/reports for non-expired CDLs through [virtual office](#)
 - Late fees waived for expiring vehicle registrations paid within 60 days of expiration between Mar 16 – May 31
 - Motor Carrier Permits expiring in Mar, Apr or May extended to June 30th.
- **FMCSA Issues Third Party Testing Waiver**
 - CTA worked with California DMV on submitting waiver. Will allow ETP companies to proctor written knowledge test.
 - CTA working with DMV on non-ETP pathway through truck schools.
- **TSA flexibility for expiring threat assessments for Hazmat Endorsement holders**
 - States may give extension of up to 180 days for HMEs that expire after March 1st.
 - DMV has advised us that expired threat assessments will not impact licenses.
- **Food Trucks at Rest Areas**
 - 11 rest areas have permitted food trucks.
 - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/food-trucks-rest-areas>

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- **Hours of Service/MCP**
 - Expanded federal emergency declaration in place until 11:59pm on May 15th.
 - California EO mirrors scope of FMCSA emergency declaration 2020-02 for duration of effect of federal declaration.
 - Also waives active MCP requirement for authorized interstate carriers operating in intrastate commerce.
- **Weight Tolerance for Emergency Relief Supplies**
 - Caltrans announced issuance of permits this week
 - CTA worked with Caltrans to ensure blanket permits would be issued for similar loads
 - CTA email blast includes details on permit office contacts and CTA members providing permit services
- **Controlled Substance Testing***
 - Flexibility for COVID related delays. Must document reason.
- **Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Recommending Enforcement Delay until July 1**
 - Due to COVID-19 and unrelated delay in approving fee structure, UCR recommending states delay enforcement. Still processing registrations.

*See March 27 PPT for more details

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- **Rest areas open**
 - No plan to close at this time. 19 of 86 closed for non-COVID reasons. CalSTA working to re-open.
- **CDTFA tax deadlines extended for businesses <\$1m tax bill**
 - 90 day extension for tax returns, payments
 - First quarter return deadline extended to end of July
 - Extends refund claim deadline by 60 days
- **PHMSA Temporary Relief from Hazmat Rules for Road Transport of Hand Sanitizer**
 - <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/news/temporary-relief-notice-transportation-hand-sanitizer-during-covid-19-emergency>

COVID-19 – Other Issues

- **Caltrans Parking Needs Survey**

- Caltrans offering to secure additional, temporary truck parking sites. Asking for industry feedback.
- Please email feedback on needed truck parking with as much specificity as possible to Taylor Collison at tcollison@caltrux.org

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- **International Franchise Association publishes list of restaurants making specific concessions to allow food access to truckers**
- <https://www.franchise.org/franchise-information/people-news-events/Foodservice-Franchises-Accommodating-Truck-Drivers-During-Pandemic>

CARES Act Update

- **Congress approved additional \$300 billion for Payroll Protection Program. Applications processed beginning April 27.**
 - Find an approved SBA lender: <https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find>
- **California opened Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) applications on April 28.**
 - Federal unemployment, available to independent contractors and employees who have exhausted UI benefits
 - [FAQ](#)

Information Exchange Q&A

Please use the chat or questions feature to ask questions, raise priority issues.

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Resources

www.trucking.org/COVID19

www.caltrux.org/covid-19/