

Dear NITL Members:

NITL is continuing to monitor various pipelines of information and networks in order to keep you informed during this challenging time. We know all of you are inundated with additional emails, phone calls and tasks. Our goal is to keep our communications as brief as possible and provide timely, relevant information to aid your business operations.

We are working within coalition groups to ensure information is shared quickly and accurately, using that collective elbow grease to be sure that federal agencies, Members of Congress and the White House hear about the needs and concerns of freight transportation professionals.

Below are several updates that we want you to be aware of:

- On Monday, NITL and other members of the Coalition for Fair Port Practices were joined by dozens of other trade associations in a [letter](#) to the Federal Maritime Commission recommending that the FMC adopt its proposed Interpretive Rule on detention and demurrage practices, especially in light of challenges created by COVID-19. This letter was shared with congressional committees as well. We will keep you apprised of response and any further action.
- The US Chamber of Commerce sent a [letter](#) to the White House this week asking for guidance and clarity on what constitutes essential businesses, services and infrastructure in an effort to create uniformity as jurisdictions set guidelines to limit business activity and services.
- The League has been active in a variety of webinars and teleconferences, including participating in meetings with the US Chamber's Supply Chain Security User Groups. As we continue to engage, we will share any important updates with you.
- We're hearing from many of you regarding your operations across modes and conversations and have indicated that rail traffic thus far has remained normal. If you are seeing disruptions, please pass that information along to our team.
- As we shared earlier this week, FMCSA issued an emergency declaration for motor carriers and drivers. Yesterday, that was [expanded](#). A press release outlining expanded language can be found [here](#). A Thompson Hine [factsheet](#) provides details as well.
- Earlier this week we shared some helpful links to you and have updated that list with some additional resources you may find valuable. See those at the bottom of this email.

These are challenging times and the League remains a resource for you. Note that as of today we are 100% remote to provide for the safety of our team members. Our level of operations has not been changed and we encourage you to mail any dues payments or other communications to our office as you normally would. Checks will be received and deposited within a week's time.

We'll keep you apprised of important developments and encourage you to reach out to us as needed. Most importantly, please be safe and well.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Hedrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Hedrick  
Executive Director

### Resources

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
- WHO: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- OSHA: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>
- CISA: <https://www.cisa.gov/coronavirus>
- FEMA: <https://www.fema.gov/>
- ALAN: <https://www.alanid.org/>
- US Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.uschamber.com/coronavirus>
- FMCSA: [Expanded Emergency Declaration for Motor Carriers and Drivers](#)
- Thompson Hine [Task Force](#) on COVID-19