



Good afternoon NITL members:

There are some key updates coming out of Washington late yesterday and today.

1. Updates on North American Border Closings

Canada: Temporary travel restrictions between the United States and Canada will be in effect beginning today at 11:59pm EDT through April 20, per the Department of Homeland Security. An announcement in the Federal Register issued this morning [outlines](#) the various details (see page 4-5 for a full list of restrictions). **These restrictions do not apply to air, freight rail, or sea travel between the United States and Canada, but do apply to passenger rail and ferry travel between the United States and Canada.**

Mexico: We have just learned that the U.S. will close the border with Mexico as well, however, has exempted trade and commerce from that ban. More details [here](#).

2. Critical Infrastructure

Yesterday the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Administration (CISA) circulated [guidance](#) to state, local, tribal and territorial governments regarding the designation of critical infrastructure during COVID-19. CISA continues to seek feedback from all stakeholders on appropriate language and recommendations as this situation continues to evolve. Given that this is a recommendation only, we've already seen that states are selecting what, if any, CISA language to use in their own directives, which is causing confusion and inconsistency. We are working with other associations and the US Chamber of Commerce to encourage the Trump Administration to issue a national list of critical infrastructure to be accepted by all states. We will have more details on that as it develops.

3. Rest Area Closures, Etc.

Earlier this week Pennsylvania closed all of its rest stops to limit the spread of COVID-19. Today it was announced that some of those stops are [reopening](#) to accommodate truckers. This situation is evolving and we'll share more

updates as known. There are a lot of larger actions and decisions by states that are creating challenges and unintended consequences for NITL members and others, and we will continue to monitor and weigh in.

In case you missed any of our updates this week, they can be viewed below.

- [Monday, March 16](#)
- [Thursday, March 19](#)

Please continue to take care of yourselves and don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or if issues arise that we should be aware of. We will continue to keep you updated with pertinent information as we have it to share.

Warmest regards,

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

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