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Dear NITL Members:

Below are several updates that we’d like you to be aware of. If you don’t have time to read this message in its entirety now, note two quick things:

1. These updates are posted on our [website](#) for you to review at your convenience.
2. We’re here for you as you need us. Contact information for our team is found at the bottom of this email.

**Federal Updates:**

**FMCSA:** As we [reported last week](#), FMCSA has issued an emergency declaration for motor carriers and drivers. They’ve since issued an accompanying FAQ, which we [encourage you to read](#).

**FEMA:** Yesterday, FEMA [issued](#) a detailed response on the federal government’s response thus far to COVID-19.

**State Declarations:**

State information on essential services and businesses is changing rapidly. We’ve posted a link on NITL.org that is tracking state declarations. The National Governors Association is also posting regular [updates](#) and extensive information on [activity](#) within each state.

Yesterday, NITL General Counsel Karyn Booth and her colleagues at Thompson Hine [published a Q&A](#) on what state stay-at-home orders mean for freight transportation professionals.

With countless organizations across multiple industries, we continue to champion [federal standards](#) for stay-at-home orders to alleviate confusion and create consistency across states. At the federal level there are multiple agencies with jurisdiction over this issue, which has created a logjam toward resolution. We will continue to update you on progress as it occurs.

**Information Sharing and Resources:**
We’ll continue to share updates with you via email. And, we’ll post these updates on the NITL website. We’ve created a page with COVID-19 information, highlighting key resources that may be valuable to you and your companies. If you’ve identified a valuable link or service that may benefit NITL members, please share it with us.

Speaking of sharing, please connect with us on social media if you aren’t already and invite others to as well. We’re active on Twitter (@NITL) and LinkedIn.

**In Other News…**

While management and response to COVID-19, both at work and at home, is top of mind for all of us, there are other activities within NITL occurring. We’ll be in touch with that information, including a request coming to your inboxes tomorrow regarding rail activity and forthcoming webinars on low sulphur fuel and other topics.

As always, please reach out if we can be of assistance to you. NITL general counsel Karyn Booth, NITL lobbyist Randy Mullett, and other members of our team are available to assist you.

Please stay well and be safe.

Warmest regards,

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