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### **BCMEA and ILWU Continue To Be Vigilant During COVID-19**

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada (ILWU Canada) and the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) continue to proactively work together with key stakeholders to address the potential impact of COVID-19 on operations at BC Ports. ILWU Canada and BCMEA continue their commitment to keeping our waterfront workers safe and ensuring that cargo continues to flow through BC Ports to critical destinations across Canada.

The Provincial Health Officer stated last week that they continue to see outbreaks across the province, emphasizing the need for a continued and consistent, systemic and holistic approach to prevention and containment. The province called on every individual, business and community to do the same.

All of us need to continue to remain vigilant and do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick. Whether you feel it is a cold, allergies or COVID-19, please stay away from work and if necessary, contact your healthcare provider or call 811 for assistance.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing.
- Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
- Keep a distance of at least 2 arms lengths (approximately 2 metres) from others, as much as possible.

For more fact-based information on COVID-19, tips on prevention, visit:

<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19app/home>.

The ILWU and BCMEA will continue to provide updates as necessary. Our primary objective is to ensure worker safety and continued operations at all Canadian West Coast Ports.

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