

## Increased Vigilance Needed During Second Wave of COVID-19.

Good morning,

In light of the recent increase of COVID-19 cases in the Lower Mainland, BC Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) is urging increased vigilance on BC's waterfront to ensure the health and safety of waterfront workers. Complacency in the face of COVID-19 is our greatest challenge.

While we're at work, we need to continue to follow the basics to protect ourselves and others, including maintaining a two-metre distance from others, wearing a mask if distance can't be maintained, and thorough and frequent hand-washing, or use of hand sanitizer.

In addition to the above, please always remember to:

- **Stay home if:**
  - **You are sick or required to self-isolate.**
  - **Are waiting COVID-19 test results.**
  - **You have had prolonged contact with and/or live with someone has tested positive for COVID-19.**

To date, BCMEA and its member companies have responded to seventeen COVID-19 positive cases among the longshore workforce in the Lower Mainland. Fortunately, of the seventeen positive cases, twelve have fully recovered and been cleared by medical officials to return to work.

Over the past eight months, BCMEA and its members have implemented robust [COVID-19 health and safety protocols](#) at BC's ports. These measures include the introduction of remote dispatch where possible to reduce gatherings, enhanced cleaning and sanitization, distribution of PPE and measures to promote physical distancing.

Thank you all for doing your part to keep BC's waterfront safe, while supporting Canada's fight against COVID-19.

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For more information please visit our [COVID-19 Information Centre](#).

