



Port of Stockton operations not crimped by COVUS-19 pandemic

- *Operations modified where needed*
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California’s largest inland seaport, the Port of Stockton, is open and operating normally, officials say, although some measures are in place to prevent the spread of the virus that causes the COVID-19 illness.

“The Port of Stockton’s priority is to ensure the health and safety of all Port stakeholders; to date, the Port of Stockton’s ability to support our business partners has not been impacted by COVID-19,” says Port Director Richard Aschieris. “With our quickly changing environment, we remain vigilant and engaged with private sector stakeholders as well as local, state and federal agencies to ensure we have the latest information available and are operating per their guidance and implementing the most effective measures to support our

shared goal of keeping all Port users, partners and staff safe while maintaining business continuity.”

He says the seaport has implemented a variety of measures to protect and limit contact and exposure of COVID-19 to Port employees as well to reduce the risk of a disruption to the services provided to our customers and tenants, including:

- Reduced domestic travel to only that which is critical for the Port’s business continuity
- Encouraged telephone or video conferencing for internal and external meetings
- Implemented mandatory wearing of Personal Protective Equipment for staff performing essential operations and maintenance functions requiring external in-person contact
- Implemented strategic physical separation of Port staff functions at various sites within the Port premises
- Encouraged preventive actions recommended by the Center for Disease Control

“We will continue to monitor and respond to the changing needs created by this pandemic,” Mr. Aschieris says.

The Port’s police department remains open 24 hours a day and its maritime and real estate departments continue to operate during normal business hours.

Updates to the Port's status will be posted as needed to the Port's website www.portofstockton.com

(COVID-19 stands for “coronavirus disease 2019,” a respiratory illness caused by a virus named SARS-CoV-2. SARS stands for “severe acute respiratory syndrome,” a disease first identified in Asia in 2003.)