



MAY 1: COVID-19 UPDATE

This weekly update summarizes actions by the Port of Seattle and its partners to maintain community health, safety, and wellbeing while continuing to carry out our mission. Please bookmark [our website](#) and check social media channels daily.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

- The Port of Seattle Commission updated its 2020 construction plans on April 28, 2020 to boost local COVID-19 economic recovery through project spending and hiring, while enacting public health protocols developed with guidance from state and federal agencies. [Read the press release.](#)
- This new animation video shares how the Port implemented protocols to maintain the health, safety, and well-being of our employees, travelers, and community members who use Port facilities while maintaining the essential functions of the Port. [Check it out](#) and share it with your communities!



Check out the Port COVID-19 Response and Relief video on [YouTube](#).

Actions and protocols at Port of Seattle facilities



AT SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SEA)

- SEA is open and operating, but it is not business as usual right now. [See how](#) SEA maintains essential cargo operations during COVID-19.
- People are traveling less. The airport is serving only 2,500 departing passengers per day compared to over 50,000 normally this time of year. Overall daily flights are down by two-thirds. Airlines suspended international flights and reduced service, totaling almost 700 canceled international flight. Airlines flying domestic routes significantly reduced flights across networks.
- SEA was awarded \$192M in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation as part of the CARES Act to offset financial damage due to the unexpected drop in air travel and to limit the spread of COVID-19. Our airport team is working to complete a utilization plan for the grants.
- Some restaurants are open with reduced operating hours and food service only for grab-and-go and orders to go. [Latest blog on dining and retail adjustments.](#) [Explore how](#) to support local businesses at the airport without traveling.
- We update [this SEA operations status page](#) when Port or airport employees who work directly with the public are confirmed to test positive for COVID-19.



AT MARITIME FACILITIES

- Many commercial fishermen in our region will leave soon to fish in the North Pacific. Port Commissioners heard a briefing from Andy Wink, Executive Director of the [Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association](#) how commercial fishing continues to feed the world during COVID-19. More information from the Commission presentation is on the Port's [blog](#).
- The 2020 cruise season is indefinitely suspended until the resolution of the public health emergency. [Read the press release](#). The decision to delay the launch of the 2020 cruise season came after reviewing multiple options with our cruise operators, the United States Coast Guard, public health authorities, and local leaders.
- The Northwest Seaport Alliance total container volumes dropped 21.6% in March 2020, compared to March 2019. Full imports declined 28.2% while full exports decreased 8.6% year over year. [Read more](#).
- Some business at Fishermen's Terminal are open and operating under proper protocols while the North Pacific Fishing Fleet prepares for the fishing season. Amid social distancing, [here is how](#) you can support local business at Fishermen's Terminal.
- Shilshole Bay Marina has implemented the following measures to support the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" emergency order: Continuing twice-daily cleanings of all public areas, closing public access to the A-Pier and X Dock, placing partial restrictions on access to the parking lot, controlling pedestrian access and closing public restrooms at the SBM promenade, limiting access to picnic tables and benches along the pedestrian thoroughfare. Non-liveaboard moorage customers should only visit the SBM if your trip is essential.



FOR EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Port of Seattle Commission meetings will be held virtually until the public health crisis subsides.
- Only "essential" workers are permitted onsite, which are employees performing work to maintain our core functions. This designation as "essential" is only related to critical operations during this public health emergency.
- Coordinating regional emergency response with the state, county, city, and other leaders.
- We kicked off our [Frontline Fridays series](#) featuring Port employees whose hard work and dedication keeps our facilities running safely during challenging times. This week, we checked in with three employees who are working tirelessly to keep SEA Airport safe for passengers and employees, efficient in moving people to and from their destinations, and open for essential operations like transporting goods and supplies in and out of the region.



Learn about the Port of Seattle Fire Department's Response and Readiness for COVID-19 on [YouTube](#).



HOW YOU CAN STAY HEALTHY

- Governor Inslee's "[Stay Home, Stay Healthy](#)" order is in effect. It is important we lean into the Governor's order to achieve its societal benefits of flattening the curve of the number of people that are infected with COVID-19.
- On April 3, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offered a new recommendation that people living in areas with significant community-based spread of COVID-19, such as King County, voluntarily wear a cloth face covering when they are in a public setting where maintaining a physical distance of six feet away from others may be difficult.
- On April 27, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) added six symptoms for COVID-19, including chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell. The previously known symptoms are shortness of breath, cough and fever. The symptoms can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

