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Re: BCMEA Coronavirus Update #2

Further to our January 22 communication, on January 28, 2020, health officials [announced](#) the first confirmed case of novel coronavirus in British Columbia. According to the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), the risk to British Columbians and Canadians continues to be low.

At this point, there are no impacts to operations on the waterfront.

Recognizing the evolving situation concerning the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, Transport Canada has issued the attached Marine Security Notification providing information and guidance to the Canadian marine industry on protocols to safeguard the health and safety of those working in Canada's marine sector.

The BCMEA is in communication with Transport Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada, the BC Ministry of Health, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, ILWU Canada, and ILWU 514, to receive and share the latest developments on this issue. We will continue to communicate these updates as they become available.

For more on facts on the virus, please visit the BCCDC website for [current information](#).

Should you have any follow up or additional questions regarding workforce operations, please do not hesitate to contact John Beckett, VP, Operations (jbeckett@bcmea.com) for further details.

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