



**MARITIME EXCHANGE**  
for the Delaware River and Bay

**ALERT**

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TO: Maritime Exchange Members

Some of you may have seen Governor Wolf's March 19, 2020 order to close all Pennsylvania businesses that are not "life sustaining." While the attachments broadly define "water transportation" as life sustaining, it does not include specifics.

- [Order of PA Governor](#)
- [Order of PA Department of Health](#)
- [PA Governor Life Sustaining Businesses Chart](#)

Our view is that the classification is purposefully broad to include businesses that support water transportation as well as the ships and ports themselves. However, we are attempting to obtain additional clarification.

On the other hand, the DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency yesterday specifically identified essential [critical infrastructure workers](#) during the COVID-19 response. The list included:

- Employees supporting or enabling transportation functions, including dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers . . .
- Employees of firms providing services that enable logistics operations . . .
- Maritime transportation workers – port workers, mariners, equipment operators

Please feel free to contact the [Exchange](#) with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.

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