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for the Delaware River and Bay

**ALERT**

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TO: Maritime Exchange Members

As many of you may be aware, in an effort to help prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), Philadelphia officials announced new restrictions yesterday on commercial activity in the city, effective March 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. and lasting through at least March 27. Specifically, the city said that only essential commercial establishments should remain open during this time.

While the city listed numerous businesses classified as essential, most transportation and related businesses were not listed, including ports.

Today Philadelphia Mayor Kenney and Health Commissioner Farley released a [proclamation](#) that provides additional guidance outlining specific essential and non-essential businesses. Note that "port and port-related functions" are in fact designated as essential (ref. p3, Section D.9. )

The ports are open and operating as normal! Please help spread the word.

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