



MEDIA ADVISORY – COVID-19

The Port of Mobile is open and operational. Personnel Screening Underway

Mobile, Ala. –March 26, 2020 – 3:30 pm, CDT). The Alabama State Port Authority management advises the port is open and fully operational. The Port’s highest priority is for the safety of our employees and those entering the port terminals. Our second highest priority is to ensure businesses and their cargo transactions can operate to avoid further impacts to the local and statewide economy.

The Port Authority has implemented a temperature-screening program for all personnel entering the port’s gates. The program will roll out over the next several days to all Port Authority facilities.

Effective yesterday at 7:00 am (CDT), mandatory temperature screening began for all personnel entering the Main Docks Complex and the Truck Control Center. These two facilities have high general public traffic. During the first day of screening, approximately 1000 individual temperatures were taken, and only five individuals posted temperatures higher the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended threshold for COV-19. Those individuals were denied entry to the port and referred to their employers and/or medical providers. Over the next few days, as supplies become available, the Port Authority will capture all of its facilities gates in this personnel-screening program.

The temperature screening is augmented by federal screening protocols for ships and crewmembers, personnel social distancing protocols, sanitizing of buildings and equipment, travel and visitor restrictions, and other CDC recommended steps to ensure the port is “flattening the curve” and remaining open for business.

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