



Port of Melbourne



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## Port of Melbourne's Response to COVID-19 – Update 2

As you are all aware, new measures have been put in place with the unprecedented state-wide shutdown of non-essential activities to deal with the containment strategy for COVID-19.

We understand that 'Freight and Delivery Services' are exempt from the new measures and that this definition should include the complete port supply chain, including maritime and stevedoring activities.

We are liaising with government to seek formal confirmation that all port related activities can continue without the effects of the new measures. We will also continue to advocate for the port supply chain to be viewed as an essential service as governments assess further stages beyond the current shutdown measures.

Once we have sufficient clarity on the definition of 'Freight and Delivery Services' we will issue a further update.

You may also like to refer to my update on 19 March, which provides more detail on how we are responding to this situation. You can read it [here](#).

In the meantime, should you have any queries on any matter, please don't hesitate to call your Port of Melbourne contact or email us at [covid19@portofmelbourne.com](mailto:covid19@portofmelbourne.com).

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