

February 3, 2020

Coronavirus Outbreak in China

Dear Valued Customer,

We have been closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak in China and the restricted travel to Hubei Province. Residents in Wuhan will not return to work until February 17, 2020. There is a high possibility that may be extended. Additionally, the municipalities below extended Chinese New Year (CNY) holidays through February 9, 2020:

- Shanghai Municipality
- Chongqing Municipality
- Jiangsu Province
- Zhejiang Province
- Guangdong Province
- Fujian Province

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE BY MODE

OCEAN:

- Wuhan port remains closed; all other ports are currently operational.
- Short haul shipments from mainland China ports may be put into a 14 day quarantine period. This only affects short hauls since the majority of freight on Trans-pacific eastbound or European lanes are in transit more than 14 days.
 - For example, if a vessel that has been in China (excluding Hong Kong & Macau) that has **NO** crew member with flu like symptoms, the vessel will be allowed to operate normally at the port. The crew will only be allowed to come ashore but will be limited to the terminal to manage on a need-to basis.
 - Another example, if a vessel that has been in China (excluding Hong Kong & Macau) that **HAS** a crew member with flu like symptoms, the vessel will be allowed to operate normally at the port. However the crew will not be granted to come off the vessel. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and designated authorities will formulate plans for crew members requiring medical attention.
- Blank sailings are still expected due to less demand.
- Port congestion, barge shortages and slow booking releases are expected due to staff shortages.

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AIR:

- U.S., Australian and British airlines have canceled all passenger flights in and out of mainland China.
- Hong Kong continues to operate passenger flights, but are canceling some flights due to low demand.
- Minimum impact to air freight in other Asian countries; most resumed work this week after CNY.

CUSTOMS:

- U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is following the CDC's lead (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) on crew and passenger screening. There are no indications of additional screening for cargo other than obvious potential threat products such as biologicals, infected animals, etc., which ordinarily require special care and clearance.

TRUCKING:

- Supply is available, but limited. There are temperature screenings for drivers crossing cities and provinces which may cause delays. Complete restrictions remain in parts of Hubei province and Wuhan.

C.H. Robinson remains operational in Asia and is working closely with customers with impacted freight. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and advise of any further updates as needed.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact C.H. Robinson for further information.

Sincerely,
C.H. Robinson

Source:

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2020/MSIB-02-20_Novel_Coronavirus_2Feb2020.pdf?ver=2020-02-02-182614-690

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