

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) – COVID Safe Update

The Victorian Government has continued to refine and clarify various aspects of its advice and guidelines to business and industry in relation to COVID-19. Please find below important updates that you are encouraged to be aware of as an employer and worker operating at GeelongPort.

### Update on GeelongPort site entry controls

On 31 December 2020 the definition of a 'Port of Entry worker' and the controls in place for those meeting this classification were detailed in the [Industry Guidelines Ports of Entry \(Airports and Maritime\)](#) and communicated to GeelongPort Customers and Port Users.

These guidelines require 'Port of Entry Workers' to be temperature tested and declare in writing at the start of each shift that 'the worker is free of coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, has not been in contact with a confirmed case in the preceding 14 days (except in the course of their duties while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, where relevant); and is not currently required to self-isolate or self-quarantine.'

GeelongPort has been managing the declaration process for all port workers regardless of whether they are GeelongPort employees.

As a result of the guidelines and following an internal review, GeelongPort intends to scale back the current site entry temperature testing and declaration process from 7.00 am on 1 February 2021.

### What does this mean for you?

- You have been identified as a port user who has employees that may meet the definition of a 'Port of Entry worker'.
- GeelongPort will no longer temperature screen and take declarations from your employees upon entry to our site from 7.00 am on 1 February 2021.
- To comply with the *Industry Guidelines Port of Entry (Airports and Maritime)* you will need to establish your own processes for temperature screening and collecting declarations from your employees at the commencement of their shift(s).

Please refer to the following fact sheets found on the [Ports of entry \(airports and maritime\) sector guidance page](#) of the DHHS website:

- [Information for maritime port – employers](#)
- [Information for maritime port – workers](#)

### Surveillance Testing for Port of Entry Workers

Please be advised Victoria's [Workplace \(Additional Industry Obligations\) Directions \(No 16\)](#) require some workers in ports of entry to undertake surveillance coronavirus COVID-19 testing.

The Directions refer to the [Surveillance Testing Industry List](#) and specifies workers who are required to undertake surveillance testing.

Please make yourself aware of these Directions, the Surveillance Testing Industry List and your obligations as an employer with workers who are or may be in scope. I encourage you to regularly check the Surveillance Testing Industry List page for further updates from DHHS.

Should you have any concerns regarding this change please contact:

**Chris Anderson**

Head of Service Delivery - GeelongPort

P: 0418 907 484

E: [c.anderson@geelongport.com.au](mailto:c.anderson@geelongport.com.au)