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## Freight Industry Newsletter

### COVID-19 testing requirements

Dear Freight Industry

Following National Cabinet's agreement to the [Protocol for Domestic Border Controls – Freight Movements](#) last week, the NSW Government has introduced new requirements for freight operators crossing the border from Victoria into NSW.

Under the updated [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) checklist for freight, workers who have been in Victoria within the past 14 days should be tested for COVID-19 every seven days, even if they are not showing symptoms.

That means that any worker crossing the border from Victoria to NSW should have had a COVID-19 test within the past seven days.

Enforcement of the updated COVID-19 Safety Plan has not yet commenced, but I recommend industry update their own COVID-19 safety plans to reflect this change and organise for freight critical services workers to get tested. I urge you to work towards meeting the new requirements as soon as possible.

Please note that obtaining the COVID-19 test is the responsibility of the operator. You can find a list of NSW testing sites [here](#).

Police continue to conduct spot checks at the border and workers will need to produce a valid permit, COVID-19 Safety Plan and confirmation they have complied with the COVID-19 Safety Plan if requested. Those who cannot meet the requirements of their permit may be denied entry to NSW.

I acknowledge these additional requirements may be difficult for some operators but I can't stress enough just how important it is that we all do our bit to slow the spread of COVID-19.

We remain committed to working with industry to keep freight moving, which is why those moving freight on a commercial basis are not required to self-isolate once crossing the NSW/Victorian border, however operators must also ensure all their obligations under their COVID-19 Safety Plan are met.

In addition to COVID-19 testing, these obligations include physical distancing, following all hygiene requirements including carrying hand sanitiser, undertaking extra cleaning practices and keeping a record of all stops and close contacts over the past 28 days.

Any person who is unwell or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms should not attend work; they should instead get tested immediately and must self-isolate while waiting for results.

Regards

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