

CUSTOMER ADVISORY: COVID 19 UPDATE

NORTH AMERICA

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Dear Valued Customer,

As the COVID 19 virus spreads globally, APL Logistics is issuing regional advisories to provide a clearer picture of possible impacts and preparations being made.

The Port of Baltimore issued a notice last week that the Seagirt Marine Terminal will be closed March 5th and March 17th. The closure is in response to a decline in international cargo volumes, triggered by the COVID 19 viral outbreak. For more details, please see [this article](#) from JOC.com.

Slowdowns in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are well documented, but we recommend [this article from the Los Angeles Times](#) for deeper insight into this scenario. As our former colleague Gene Seroka correctly states, “...less cargo means fewer jobs” and the COVID 19 – related slowdowns have succinctly illustrated the economic impact of ports to the L.A. basin.

As always, please reach out to your local APL Logistics representatives with any concerns. We will continue to publish advisories as necessary.

For more information, please see these articles:

JOC: [Baltimore shuts container terminal for two days on coronavirus cargo drop](#)

LA Times: [Truckers, dockworkers suffer as coronavirus chokes L.A., Long Beach ports cargo](#)

Sincerely,
APL Logistics