PORT OF HUENEME BRIEFING FOR CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)

Status at the Port of Hueneme

- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is in continual communication with our local Customs & Border Protection and Coast Guard who are our first line of defense if any infected individuals should be in route to the Port
- The Port conducts only 2.3% of its trade with China
- The Port does not have any vessels that ship directly from Hueneme to China, and any vessels destined for or originating from China go through other countries first. This serves as an added screening protection
- All our vessels follow mandatory reporting guidelines requiring them to report crew illness of any kind a minimum of 96 hours prior to arrival at Port
- To date, there have been no reported cases of infected individuals arriving at any U.S. seaports, including the Port of Hueneme
- No staff of The Port of Hueneme nor partners have been quarantined or diagnosed with a virus
- Non-essential District-related travel is banned until further notice
- The Port’s ability to move cargo has not been impacted at all as a result of the coronavirus
- The Port of Hueneme is business as usual, continuing to move cargo 24/7

General Info for Ventura County Regarding Coronavirus:

- On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency (PHE) for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.
- Global efforts at this time are focused concurrently on containing spread of this virus and mitigating the impact of this virus.
- The federal government is working closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, as well as public health partners, to respond to this public health threat.
- The U.S. government has taken unprecedented steps with respect to travel in response to the growing public health threat posed by this new coronavirus
- Effective February 2, at 5pm, the U.S. government suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in China within the past 14 days.
- This now leads us to Point Mugu Naval Base being used as a quarantine zone for passengers traveling through LAX who are not showing any type of
symptoms. As of February 24, 2020, a quarantine facility has been established at Naval Base Ventura County for U.S. Citizen travelers returning to the United States from Hubei Province, China through LAX.

- Any individual potentially housed at this facility will be asymptomatic (no symptoms) and will have gone through prior travel/medical screenings by healthcare personnel. Travelers housed at this facility will be subject to a 14-day mandatory quarantine period before they are cleared to return to their destination somewhere in the United States.
- While the facility is on a Department of Defense installation, all logistics and operations are being coordinated by US Health and Human Services through an HHS incident management team and personnel. It should be noted that individuals housed here are U.S. Citizens and are not being moved here from other facilities. At this time, there is one individual housed at the facility for a 14-day quarantine. At this time, based on current travel behavior, the number of individuals requiring quarantine due to travel is becoming smaller and smaller every day.
- Since this program began on February 5th, only 14 travelers have been screened into this repatriation program through 11 airports nationwide. Of those 14 individuals, 0 have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.
- This program’s primary intent is to protect the community and limit/mitigate potential spread of this disease within the United States.
- Of the 15 confirmed cases in the United States, 8 people reside in the State of California.
- Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer, stated, “The mortality rate in China as of Monday 2/24/2020 is 3.35%. The mortality rate in the rest of the world is 1.1%. As a reference point, the flu has a mortality rate of between 0.1% and 2.5% (the latter, the pandemic flu of 1918) depending on the season. These figures are probably being influenced by “selection bias” which is to say, due to a shortage of testing availability, only the sickest people are being tested. If all of the people who have mild disease or no symptoms with their infection at all were counted, it is likely that the death rate would calculate to be lower.

For more information about COVID-19, visit:

http://www.vchca.org/agency-divisions/public-health

Port Pro-Active Measures

- Developed Continuity of Operations Plan/Response Plan which includes communication strategy to inform Commissioners, staff, Port stakeholders and the Public of any important information
- Engaged and coordinated with Ventura County Emergency Medical Services, Health and Human Services and Department of Public Health for resources, and directives
  - Follow directives from above agencies
- Coordination USCG and customs and Border Patrol for vessel/vessel crew risk identification and mitigation
- Commenced proactive measures like additional soap, anti-bacterial gels and N-95 masks- N95 masks are being sought from partner agencies
- Monitoring and maintaining communications related to updated news from Center for Disease Control (CDC), partner agencies and news stories
  - Disseminate information accordingly at the direction of CEO
- Monitoring CDC protocols for travel.
  - Domestic travel is optional. International travel is on hold.
  - Consideration for canceling or ceasing attendance for mass gathering event
- The Port will provide briefings with relevant information and circulate relevant documents

The CDC is the lead agency. Our coordination with local/regional partners outlined from above is in accordance with CDC protocols/guidance.