

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**

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The Port of Felixstowe plays a crucial role supporting vital supply chains of the country and has taken a number of measures to ensure we remain fully operational during the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The Government confirmed key worker status for our staff on 19 March 2020, recognising the importance of ports and seaborne transport workers to our country at this critical time. Our dedicated workforce is ensuring we continue to deliver for our customers on both quayside and landside operations. The port remains open as normal.

The changes made to reorganise quayside staff into segregated teams to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus at work have now been operated by all shifts. They, and the second Operations Centre we established, are now bedded-in and working well.

We have also enabled working from home for all those employees for whom it is practical. A reduced number of essential support staff remain on-site and the changes have been enacted in a way that has not compromised service from our various support teams.

All those staff that remain on-site, in operational or administrative functions, have been equipped with face masks and measures have been taken to ensure 2 metre social distancing requirements are met.

We are very grateful that, to date, we have had no confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst our workforce although a number of our employees are self-isolating in accordance with Government guidance. They are being supported with regular welfare calls from our HR team and we are seeing the first people return to work from self-isolation.

It remains a rapidly changing situation and we will continue to monitor and respond to evolving guidance from the Government and the appropriate health agencies to minimise the risks to, and impacts upon, our employees, customers, tenants and anyone who visits the port in the course of their business.

The Port of Felixstowe plays a critical role in supporting UK supply chains and we will ensure that it remains able to do so throughout this crisis.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support.

The Port of Felixstowe.