Trucking’s Response to COVID-19

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Knights of the Highway

• Drivers have never been so popular in the news
  • COVID-19 puts truck drivers in high demand
  • Truck drivers work to keep up with demand amid COVID-19
  • Truckers working around the clock to stock shelves
  • Even with COVID-19, truck drivers continue to get the job done

• But there are challenges
  • Drivers struggle to stay healthy as COVID-19 spreads
  • Truckers face coronavirus hurdles to keep the supply chain moving
Addressing Industry Needs

- Governor’s Office & MDOT
  - 15% weight tolerance
  - “Essential Service” defined
  - Truck parking with services

- FMCSA Declarations
  - Hours of service
  - Medical cards

- MVA
  - Licensing
  - Vehicle registration

- MPA
  - Access procedures
  - Sanitation
MMTA’s Role

• Our value is magnified
• Regular communication and information
• Questions, questions and more questions
  • Governor’s Declarations
  • New laws, e.g. paid leave mandates
  • Exceptions
• Verification as essential
  • Sample employee letter
• Connecting capacity
• Gather information on the impacts - ATRI
Future Demand?

• Industry segments varying widely
  • Intermodal
  • Gasoline haulers
  • Groceries versus restaurants – won’t hold as people consume goods
  • Construction

• ATA projects 1 to 2 negative GDP quarters
  • 2008 economy contracted 8 percent.
  • Expect -10 to -20%

• Unemployment
  • Before virus was 3.5% (lowest level in 50 years)
  • Expected to surge to over 10%
  • Jumped from 280,000 UI claims, to 3.3 million in one week (March 21, 2020)

• Before virus
  • Manufacturing already down
  • Housing was up, but 30+% of new housing projects being cancelled
  • Spot market up dramatically through February – “storm before the calm”

• 4th stimulus package – infrastructure
“This is not an economic problem, it’s a public health problem. There will be fleets going out of business, but those left should benefit significantly on the back end when the health issue is resolved.”