ILA–USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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CDC Orders the Wearing of Masks at U.S. Marine Terminals

On 29 January 2021, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order that is expected to be published in the 01 February 2021 edition of the **Federal Register,** which mandates the wearing of face masks at all U.S. *"Transportation Hubs"* that provide *"…transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the United States."* We had been under the impression that this Order would apply only to passenger-related transportation, but the text of the Order indicates a wider scope.

Accordingly, the ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee is obliged to advise all of our constituents that as of 11:59 PM on 01 February 2021 all workers and managers reporting to work at or on any of the marine terminals or vessels subject to U.S. transportation jurisdiction will be required by this Order to wear face masks while on site.

Operators of *"Transportation hubs"* will now be required to: **1).** Allow entry only to persons who wear masks; **2).** Instruct persons that Federal law requires wearing a mask in the transportation hub and that failure to comply constitutes a violation of Federal law; **3).** Monitor persons on the premises of the transportation hub for anyone who is not wearing a mask and seek compliance from such persons; **4).** Remove any persons who refuse to comply from the premises; *and* **5).** Provide persons with adequate notice to facilitate awareness and compliance with the requirement to wear a mask.

Got a question about this particular subject? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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