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Jurisdictional Enforcement Interactions with Commercial Drivers – COVID-19

The Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) is a not-for-profit organization comprising representatives of the provincial, territorial and federal governments. CCMTA coordinates matters dealing with the administration, regulation and control of motor vehicle transportation and highway safety.

Provinces and territories are responsible for providing COVID-19 protocol direction to their respective staff specific to interactions with commercial drivers. In general, provinces and territories are implementing the following COVID-19 enforcement protocols for commercial driver interactions and inspections. These protocols are subject to change. Please note that this information does not negate the enforcement officer's ability to take appropriate enforcement action as required.

- During initial contact, direct the driver to remain in the vehicle during the inspection (unless otherwise specified by the officer) and where possible, maintain appropriate "social distancing" (2 metres) from the driver.
- Please limit scale building access to staff only.
- Avoid stepping up on vehicle running boards or entering the driver cab by having the driver verbally report information and observe the driver demonstrate proper function of equipment with the officer standing at a distance (e.g. air pressures, dash warning lamps, seatbelt function, steering lash etc.).
- Use discretion when exchanging documents for inspection and limit exchange wherever possible. If possible, request verbal transmission of information for completing reports etc. (e.g. verbally transmit driver license number).
- Where physical document transfer does happen, ensure proper hygiene precautions are being followed immediately after (e.g. exchange gloves/wash hands/sanitize work surfaces).
- Do not request that the driver sign documentation (e.g. ticket, inspection report).