

Newsletter for RMTU members working in South Island ports in
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RMTU South Island

Ports COVID 19

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide an update as to the measures our ports & branches are taking around the country. It covers all South Island ports where there are RMTU members with the exception of Picton & Nelson

Lyttelton

1. All non – essential staff working from home
2. If people have no alternative child care then may stay home to care for dependent children on pay
3. High risk (over 70/compromised immunity) people advised to follow government guidelines on staying at home. Being dealt with on a case by case basis.
4. Separate shift groups established in container terminal to minimise risk of cross infection across shifts
5. Permanent relievers (24 hour workers) allocated to a shift group (no rolling 8s)
6. Workshop and electricians rosters have been tweaked to minimise risk of cross infection
7. Break between shifts to allow cleaning of amenities areas etc
8. Stick to protocols around hygiene, handwashing etc
9. Planning for move to reduced shift pattern if necessary i.e. two or one shift operation

Port Chalmers

1. Developing a plan around moving to two ten hour shifts in four separate teams to minimise risk of cross infection
2. All non-essential workers being set up to work from home

Prime Port Timaru

1. Reception no longer staffed, key contacts on website
2. Stick to protocols around hygiene, handwashing etc

Quality Marshalling Timaru

1. Working to set up separate shift groups to minimise risk of cross infection
2. High risk (over 70/compromised immunity) people advised to follow government guidelines on staying at home. Being dealt with on a case by case basis.
3. No-one to arrive on site earlier than 10 minutes before shift start
4. All non-critical meetings stopped. Physical distancing (2 metres) to be maintained at all times.
5. Administration staff to work from home where practical
6. Staggered breaks and physical distancing
7. Stick to protocols around hygiene, handwashing etc