



## The Port of Green Bay: Essential for the Community

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(Green Bay, Wis.) – As many businesses and industries in Wisconsin remain shut down, or severely limited, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, operations have been maintained in the Port of Green Bay and throughout the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.

“Shipping is certainly an essential operation that supports other industries and plays a key role in the economy of Northeast Wisconsin,” said Dean Haen, director of Brown County Port & Resource Recovery. “Since the start of the shipping season in mid-March, we’ve seen about the same number of vessels as last year moving in and out of the Port with a variety of materials.”

In 2019, cargo shipments to and from the Port of Green Bay topped 2.2 million tons, the highest tonnage total since 2007. “We remain optimistic for this year, despite a number of factors that could influence the overall shipping industry, including the COVID-19 and high-water levels on the Great Lakes.”

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the shipping industry has instituted a number of safety measures aimed at keeping workers and communities safe. Those measures include:

- Screening and reporting requirements for ship crews
- Extra cleaning procedures
- Hand washing and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces
- Limiting shore side interactions
- Keeping physical distancing in the workplace
- Using personal protective equipment

“Our dock workers typically don’t have much close contact with others while loading or unloading cargo, particularly with the use of automated unloading systems,” Haen said. “The entire industry is working together to be sure workers and the communities along the shipping corridors are as safe as possible,”

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**About the Port of Green Bay:** The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: [Ace Marine](#), [C. Reiss Coal Company](#), [Construction Resources Management](#), [Flint Hills Resources](#), [Fox River Terminals](#), [Georgia-Pacific](#), [Graymont](#), [GLC Minerals](#), [KK Integrated Logistics](#), [Lafarge Northern America](#), [RGL](#), [Sanimax](#), [St. Mary's Cement](#) and [U.S. Venture](#).

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