Port of Hueneme **COVID-19 Communications Response**

March - June, 2020



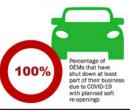






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Summary

To keep identified communities informed and updated throughout the COVID-19 crisis, and to provide resources where needed.

Goals

The Port of Hueneme is important to Ventura County and to its immediate communities, moving \$9.5 billion in produce, autos and other goods each year and generating more than \$119 million in direct and related state and local taxes. Port operations bring \$1.7 billion in economic activity and creating 15,834 trade-related jobs.

As the COVID-19 crisis began, it was important to quickly and effectively distribute information, listen more intently to its community, and provide what was needed.

Among the primary goals were:

- Communication with customers, community partners, and stakeholders
- Effective and intentional allocation of resources to Port staff, customers and labor and to the immediate community while synching efforts with other collaborating agencies and the media

Objectives

- · To reach out to customers and ensure continuity of operations
- To reassure the community that Port operations continue bringing essential items
- To keep stakeholders (including staff, partners, communities, and elected officials) informed using various tools
- To provide needed goods and services to communities

Tactics

- Community campaigns
- Information distribution in the form of social media, electronic flyers and other graphics, video, email, situation alert system notifications, website, media advisory and press releases, and "listening campaigns"

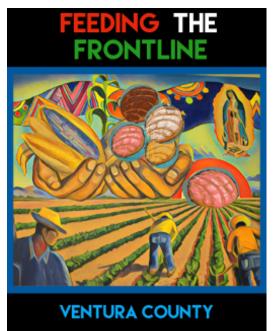
Strategies

- Dissemination of Port operations information pertaining to COVID-19
- Creation of reassuring messaging
- Creation of a "boots on the ground" approach to fill in identified gaps
- Deployment of efficient virtual messaging systems and platforms (such as Everbridge)

Target Audiences

- Local communities County residents with focus on the cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard
- Local non-profits, churches, school districts
- · Port of Hueneme Commissioners and staff
- Port of Hueneme on-Port customers, partners and labor
- Elected officials at Federal, State of California, County of Ventura, and City (Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Camarillo, Ojai, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark) levels

Community Campaigns: Feeding the Frontline



Early in the COVID-19 crisis, the Port's Community Outreach Manager engaged in a "listening campaign" with stakeholders in the Port's local communities in Port Hueneme and Oxnard, California. These calls and virtual meetings were intended to "take the pulse" of the community and determine vulnerable groups and greatest needs. Farmworkers and their families were identified as a vulnerable group – farmworkers are essential workers, with increased health vulnerability who also commonly deal with food insecurity. Ventura County is an agricultural hub, and these workers are vital to providing produce to the entire county. Additionally, the Community Outreach Manager determined that small swap meet and street vendors lost their markets due to the closure of open air activities.

He reached out to Port customers to collaborate on efforts to provide goods and resources to these populations. Port customer Del Monte Fresh Produce showed adept initiative, reassigning their warehouse manager as "Community Support Leader" to ramp up efforts in providing donations for food distribution. Prior to the crisis, Del Monte's operation at the Port of Hueneme had already donated

1,077,474 pounds of fresh produce (32,469 boxes) to Ventura County's Food Share. The Port of Hueneme assisted with connecting partners with Del Monte, and spotlighted their COVID-19 distribution efforts through social media posts and a press release.

Del Monte, local farmworker healthcare provider Clinicas del Camino Real, local restaurants and other agencies agreed that farmworker relief was a top priority. From this came the "Feeding the Frontline" Community Campaign, which started up in April and is going strong with weekly distribution events. The Port continues to highlight Feeding the Frontline volunteers, partners, customers and collaborators in social media posts.

One of the challenges to existing food distribution efforts for farmworkers was their schedules, so Feeding the Frontline events are held on weekends in the late afternoon, a time determined



as best for the workers and their families. Transportation logistics

are coordinated with local trucking companies and swap meet vendors assist with event and volunteer coordination.

At these events, tons of safety and hygiene supplies, donated fruit and other produce, prepared food, healthcare information and more are made available to attendees and are packaged in reusable, Portsupplied bags and knapsacks. Port of Hueneme Commissioners and staff have volunteered their time to distribute, and transport food and supplies. The campaign's public relations focus has been on collaboration with partners and working together for our community.



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To date:

- 15+ Feeding the Frontline events, more on the schedule
- 250,000 lbs of fresh produce and grains has been delivered directly into the hands of the farmworkers and their families
- On June 6, 2020, the 10,00th carton of food was distributed



June 6, 2020: The 10,000th box of donated goods is presented at the Nyeland Acres Feeding the Frontline event to an attendee by Port of Hueneme Commissioners Jess Ramirez, Mary Anne Rooney, and Celina Zacarias

News Release

(For Immediate Release)

Del Monte Rises Up to Feed Our Community

April 14, 2020

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Download PDF version of release
View on Port website

PORT OF HUENEME, April 14, 2020 – Del Monte Fresh Produce (Del Monte), a top fresh fruit and produce customer at the Port of Hueneme, delivered a full truck load of fresh fruit to the City of Oxnard, helping those in need during the COVID-19 crisis.

"The Port couldn't be more proud to see our customers stepping up to meet the needs of the community in these difficult times," said Oxnard Harbor District Board President Jess Ramirez. "Del Monte has always invested their resources and energy to help the community, they are committed to our local families and have been since 1979."

Last week, Del Monte named Art Bouvet to serve as the Community Support Leader, a new position which will serve to coordinate support for the local community. The position comes to fruition during the COVID-19 crisis, however it has been in the works for a long time, given their continual partnership with various non-profits and food banks in the community year round.

Press release excerpt from the Port of Hueneme about Del Monte produce donation efforts

www.portofh.org/del-monte-helps-feed-community



Media coverage of June 6 event by southern California television stations KEYT 3, KCOY 12 and FOX 11

keyt.com/news/2020/06/08/feeding-the-frontline-covid-19-program-reaches-milestone-feeds-10000th-family



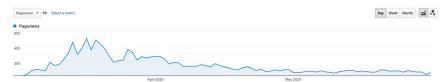
A volunteer adds Del Monte bananas to food donation bag

Port Website: COVID-19 Page

Started March 16, 2020 and continually updated

Up-to-date information from CDC; Federal, State and County Public Health Sources; US Coast Guard; US Customs and Border Protection. Latest information also distributed via Port partners through email and Everbridge text communication system

From the page's creation on March 16, through April 2020, it was the top page visited (other than the home page). To date, the page has garnered 12,433 pageviews.



Page activity from March 13-May 31, 2020



www.portofh.org/coronavirus-update

Information Sharing through Everbridge

%ever**bridge**® Since 2018, the Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District has been utilizing Everbridge, a critical event

management solution, as part of its ongoing commitment to the safety and security of its staff, local

community, and on-Port labor and partners. This solution enables Port

S: COVID-19 -CDC Latest Update For our valued partners and customers: CDC Latest Updates April 29, 2020 - Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has posted new information to their COVID-19 website, including an updated COVID-19 symptom list, and more. CLICK HERE to access CDC's lc.gov/coronavirus/ Reply with YES to confirm S: COVID-19 Port Update Ventura County Public Health's Local Order - Update

operations to transmit information quickly, accurately and directly from the Port itself. From a virtual command center, Port operations staff are able to compose and send alerts to anyone who has "opted-in" to receiving messages to their phone, email and voicemail. Easy and efficient use of this system is critical as the Port's staff is relatively small and response must be agile.

Before the COVID-19 crisis, the Port's use of Everbridge had been successful in communicating with Port staff and key stakeholders about closures, emergency alerts, and more. In March 2020, a COVID-19 text group was created and "Text POHCovid19 to 888-777 for breaking updates from the Port" messaging was distributed to Port staff, partners and community members via flyers, targeted email,

and on a digital display near the gates of the Port (seen at right).

Port partners and customers have responded favorably to this communication mode, and the COVID-19-specific alert list grew from zero to 140 voluntary opt-ins since March 13.







Email Campaigns (Excerpts)



The Port is Working Hard to Get Goods to Consumers and to Stay Safe

Keep updated on information about COVID-19 and Port Operations:

www.portofhueneme.org/coronavirus-update

March 20, 2020 - The Port of Hueneme is moving cargo and getting fresh produce on our local shelves and goods to market. Port employees, customers and partners are following best practices and social distancing guidelines in order to keep everyone safe and operations moving.

Port operations have been identified by Department of Homeland Security, the State and the County as "essential."

CLICK HERE to see a video message from Ventura County Public Health Officer Dr. Robert Levin

CLICK HERE for more about the County Order, read FAQs and get other Venture County Information

CLICK HERE to read Ventura County Public Health's Local Order to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

CLICK HERE to read Governor Newsom's Executive Order

Read more: www.portofhueneme.org/coronavirus-update













Email: to local community (Port Hueneme, Oxnard)

March 20, 2020

- · 2,609 recipients
- Audien ed-in local community members in Port Hueneme, Oxnard
- 23.7% open rate

LINK: mailchi.mp/portofhueneme/covid19update03-20-2020



We Make Cargo Move

WHAT'S UP, DOCK? PORT OF HUENEME BRIEFING FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

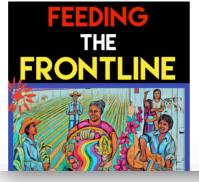
Dear Elected Officials,

Thank you for your leadership during this COVID-19 challenge before us. We are grateful for your partnership and hard work. We want to keep you well informed about the happenings at the Port of Hueneme during COVID-19 should you and/or your constituents have any questions. We plan to provide a weekly briefing for this purpose. You can also visit our website at www.portofh.org.

Be safe! Together we will get through this!

Oxnard Harbor District Commissioners
President Jess Ramirez
Vice President Jason T. Hodge
Secretary Mary Anne Rooney
Commissioner Jess Herrera
Commissioner Celina Zacarias

Kristin Decas, CEO and Port Director



Coming Up...

Upcoming Food
 Distribution Event:
 This Saturday, May 16
 4-6pm
 600 Simon Way
 Oxnard, CA 93036

See Feeding the Farmworkers page

Email: Weekly briefing to elected officials

Started May 13, 2020

- 122 recipients
- Audience: Elected officials at Federal, State of California, County of Ventura, and City (Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Camarillo, Ojai, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark) levels
- 45.5% open rate

LINK: mailchi.mp/portofhueneme/whats-happening

Flyers/Graphics (Excerpts)



Flyer: COVID-19 Update - CEO Statement and **Operations Update**

March 26, 2020

Emailed to staff (40) and Port Operators Group (80)

LINK: portofhueneme.org/wp-content/ uploads/2020/06/flyer-covid19-portreportFINAL.pdf







flyer-COVID19safety-03-26-2020.pdf

- Audience: Elected officials at Federal, State of CA County of Ventura, and City (Oxnard, Port Hueneme)
- High (90%+) response rate Government Relations Manager followed up with each elected personally

LINK: portofhueneme.org/wp-content/ uploads/2020/06/Port Safety Security Bulletin May2020fl.pdf

Flyer: Port Operations Update May 512, 2020

Audience: For on-Port customers and partners

LINK: portofhueneme.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/ Port Safety Security Bulletin May2020fl.pdf

Press Releases and Media Mentions (Excerpts)

Media Mentions

Del Monte rises up to feed the community

Mentioned in Vida Newspaper; Produce Blue Book, Amigos 805, Fresh Plaza, ILWU 46 local labor website

Port Family Fights through COVID-19, Braces for Cancelled Sailings

Mentioned on ILWU 46 local labor website; Citizen's Journal (Port Hueneme), Amigos 805; Vida Newspaper

Port of Hueneme Feeds Essential Workers During Crisis

Mentioned on ILWU 46 local labor website; AJOT, KEYT, AAPA Seaports website, The Packer https://ajot.com/news/port-of-hueneme-feeds-essential-workers-during-crisis

Port Community answers the call, hosts blood drive

Mentioned on ILWU 46 local labor website; Vida Newspaper, KEYT, Hortidaily, Citizen's Journal

Southwinds food giveaway helps farmworkers feed their families | Tri-County Sentry | 05-01-2020 https://www.tricountysentry.com/Article/Index/6f5edf64-7809-4581-ac04-9f8407b4d264

The Port of Hueneme is working hard to get goods to consumers and to stay safe | 03-23-2020 *Mentioned in AJOT, Citizen's Journal, Amigos 805, AirFreight*

https://ajot.com/news/the-port-hueneme-is-working-hard-to-get-goods-to-consumers-and-to-stay-safe

Latest and Greatest Global Traders on the Move | Global Trade | 03-20-2020 www.globaltrademag.com/latest-and-greatest-global-traders-on-the-move

Port Press Releases

Port Family Fights through COVID-19, Braces for Cancelled Sailings 05-08-2020

www.portofh.org/port-family-fights-through-covid-19-braces-for-cancelled-sailings/

Port Feeds Essential Workers During COVID-19 Crisis | 04-21-2020 www.portofh.org/port-feeds-essential-workers-during-covid-19-crisis/

Del Monte Rises Up to Feed Our Community | 04-16-2020 www.portofh.org/del-monte-helps-feed-community/

Port Community Hosts Blood Drive for COVID-19 Relief Efforts 04-14-2020

www.portofh.org/port-community-hosts-blood-drive/



Interview: Port of
Hueneme Community
Outreach Manager Miguel
Rodriguez speaks to a
Telemundo media station



American Journal of Transportation

LINK: https://ajot.com/news/port-of-hueneme-feedsessential-workers-during-crisis

Social Media (Excerpts)

Social Media: COVID-19 Messaging

March - June, 2020

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn

Important updates and alerts were distributed, as well as a #workselfie campaign, showing Port workers working and working safely. Social media is also used to celebrate frontline workers, volunteers, partners, customers and collaborators during food distribution events.

Significant increase in likes and followers across all platforms.



LINK: https://www.facebook.com/theportofhueneme/posts/2828002043974541



LINK: https://www.facebook.com/theportofhueneme/posts/2869213919853353



The Port is OPEN and operational today. Our terminal is cooperating with @uscg & @cbpgov and we are taking all necessary precautions during this time.



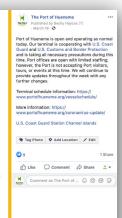
Office is open with no visitors, tours or events.



For specific Port operations info, contact the stevedore or terminal operator directly.



For terminal schedule information, click link below.



LINK: https://www.facebook.com/theportofhueneme/posts/2803787179729361



LINK: https://www.facebook.com/theportofhueneme/posts/2935859699855441



LINK: https://www.facebook.com/theportofhueneme/posts/2990618801046197

Social Media - Engagement Snapshots

FACEBOOK LINK: www.facebook.com/theportofhueneme



Social media attracted more visitors and higher engagement in the last 3 months. The most significant gains were seen on Facebook, in respects to new "likes" of the page. A large uptick is seen on May 27, when two posts were boosted, as well as an interview with the Port's Community Outreach Manager was released on television outlet Univision, the country's largest provider of Spanish-language content



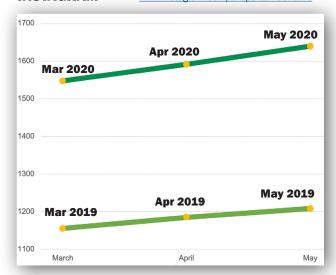
Post reach between 03/15/2020-May 31, 2020

TWITTER LINK: www.twitter.com/portofhueneme

Top five tweets for the time period: March 15-May 31, 2020

Tweet	Top Tweets Tweets and replies Promoted	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement rate
The Port	The Port of Hueneme @portofhueneme - Mar 31 Celebrating Cesar Chavez's advocacy for farm workers and for workers' dignity. Now more than ever, food supply chain workers are essential. #CesarChavezDay pic.twitter.com/3ZIDQdnSX4	2,165	44	2.0%
	View Tweet activity			
The Port	The Port of Hueneme @portoflueneme - Mar 19 The Port is practicing #socialdistancing and best practices - and still getting cargo to our customers and fresh produce to our community's shelvest We appreciate all our hard-working personnel, working on Port and at home this week, #supporttheyort	2,011	61	3.0%
	pic.twitter.com/wDGB1igo7G View Tweet activity			Promote
The Port	The Port of Hueneme @portoflueneme - Apr 14 READ ALL ABOUT how Port customer @DelMonteFresh has been rising up to feed our local community! portoflueneme.org/del-monte-help#covid19 #committedtocommunity #oxnard @CityofOxnard pic.twitter.com/DpogsTmWry Vew Tweat activity	1,700	69	4.1 %
The Pert	The Port of Hueneme @portoffnueneme - Apr 10 Shoutbut to Art Bouvet, @DelMonteFresh's new Community Support Leader, leading local Del Monte produce donation efforts. He has coordinated with @FoodShareVC and today helped to load a truck full of produce donations to @CityofOxnard! More Del Monte good news to come! @DelMonte pic.twitter.com/mCft Mmdcb8 View Tweet activity	1,536	110	7.2%
The Port	The Port of Hueneme @portoflueneme - Mar 20 The Port is part of the "Critical US Transportation Infrastructure Sector" and therefore remains open for business. We'll continue to practice #socialdistancing and guidelines so that our employees and partners remain protected! Stay safe. Updates: portoflueneme.org/coronavirus-up pic.twitter.com/fndm0PduO5	1,057	14	1.3%

INSTAGRAM LINK: www.instagram.com/theportofhueneme



There was a sharper increase of followers between March and May 2020 in comparison with the same time period in 2019.