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### COVID-19 Border Crossing

As both the United States and Canada are eager to choke off the spread of COVID-19, officials announced Wednesday that the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel will close for non-essential traffic as part of an agreement between the U.S. and Canada to limit border crossings. The tunnel remains open, but in a statement recently released, officials said “further clarification is expected in the near future.”

According to President Donald J. Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Canada-U.S. border will close to all non-essential travel by tourists and visitors, but shipments, trade and commerce will not be affected by the new restrictions. “Our governments recognize that it is critical we preserve supply chains between both countries,” Prime Minister Trudeau said. This unprecedented measure is the latest effort from governments attempting to limit the cross-border spread of COVID-19, while considering the ongoing need for supply chains to continue.

According to border experts, it’s important to keep the border open to commerce because roughly \$2 billion of goods and merchandise cross on a daily basis. The important thing is to keep trade flowing, which mostly means the trucks.

If you have any questions or concerns about supply chain disruptions, please contact a Bodman attorney. We are monitoring the situation closely and will continue to provide updates.