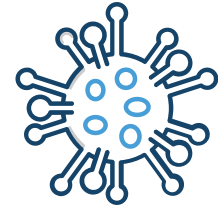# DESCARTES™

How to Mitigate COVID-19's Impact on Supply Chain Operations

Logistics and supply chain professionals around the globe are being challenged to safeguard operations and withstand disruptions associated with the COVID-19 outbreak.

Taking advantage of powerful technology tools and solutions can help your company:
- Keep employees, customers and suppliers safe and healthy
- Ensure essential goods continue to move
- Mitigate financial impacts during the severely disrupted economy

Here are some ways to help "flatten the curve" during this pandemic

For the health of employees and customers
Enable social distancing

Avoid "signing on glass"
- Remove signature capture from POD process
- Replace with photo delivery verification

Go paperless
- Eliminate handling paper documents
- Reduce operating costs and shorten order-to-cash cycles

Automate check-in and arrival processes
- Send arrival notifications to limit how often drivers enter facilities
- Prepare customers for receiving goods to reduce stop time

For the health of your business
Readjust processes

Rebalance the fleet
- Identify delivery imbalances
- Leverage routing optimization data to perform strategic modelling
- Quickly evaluate new policies and practices

Reevaluate sourcing strategies
- Diversify the supply network to mitigate future risk
- Use global trade intelligence solutions to find new suppliers

Focus on quick actions
- Determine if your business must pivot immediately
- Evaluate if existing solutions can meet most needs
- Look for the fastest solutions that get you the furthest
- "Perfect" is the enemy of "fast"