



ADVISORY TO MASTER

Date: 28th February 2020

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Title: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of Coronavirus to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 30 January 2020.

This Advisory to Master will contain information that has been previously supplied by Fairport Yacht Support [Cayman Island Information Note (2019-nCov) & IMO Circ. Letter 4204 Novel Coronavirus] as well as information gathered through WHO. After detailed conversation with the Administration, the Administration has advised and highly recommended that ship owners, managers, and operators to track the developments regarding the Coronavirus on WHO's website. WHO also supplies a live situation chart of the current virus confirmation counts and locations on their website;

Website:

(<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>)

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Chart

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>

How Does Coronavirus Spread

Coronavirus is mainly a respiratory transmitted virus, either directly from an infected personnel coughing/sneezing, or from contact with surfaces which has been contaminated by an infected individual who coughed or sneezed on that surface.

Symptoms

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms...

- Fever, coughing, and/or shortness of breath and breathing difficulties

Other symptoms can include. . .

-Sore throat, muscle aches, and/or diarrhea

Protective Measures

- Wash hands frequently (when soap and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer)

- Practice respiratory hygiene (Cover your coughs and sneezes with your bent elbow or tissue)

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to prevent contaminated hands transferring the virus into your body.

- Ensure all foods are thoroughly cooked and do not share consumables.

- Maintain distance from individuals with cough/sneezing symptoms (at least 1 metre distance)

Recommended vessel specific protection measures.

- The Master remains the authority for the safety and protection of the crew. Vessel movements and docking areas should take in consideration areas where virus is known to exist with destination and route planning/passage planning adjusted accordingly;
- The election to route crew to and from periods of leave remains at the discretion of the Master considering information supplied by the WHO;
- That the vessel is stocked with N95 type respirators and that these are made available to any crew member to use when so chosen.
- That crew members be familiar with local conditions regarding the instances of the virus, as published by the WHO and any travel restrictions on chosen leave routes or destinations.
- Keep proper communications with port agents for daily updates on local health updates.
- That any crew member or members showing signs of infection, be isolated in their cabin and following WHO guidelines, local authorities be contacted as soon as practicable.
- Crew member scheduled to return from leave should verify with the Master that no travel to areas of know infections has been undertaken during leave.

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