

Flinders Ports will continue to monitor advice from Australian Border Force (ABF), Federal Health and SA Health in relation to managing the risks associated with COVID-19. Flinders Ports also supports the Mission to Seafarers efforts to care for seafarers during this difficult time.

Our priority is the health and wellbeing of our people, members of our community and those working in the maritime industry. To help protect everyone the following protocols have been implemented:

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL A SHIP WILL NEED TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- Has the vessel visited an international port within the previous 14 days (excluding anchorage)?
- If yes, which ports and the dates? What operations were carried out (e.g. bunkers/stores/cargo)?
- Has the vessel visited any Australian ports in the last 14 days? If yes, which ports and dates?
- Does the vessel have any crew/officers that have joined the ship within the last 14 days?
- If Yes details of the crew member's to be provided including nationality, age, rank on board and self-isolation start date, and the Master must provide a risk assessment for how the self-isolation of the crew member is being managed on board.
- Have any crew/officers that have joined the ship within the last 14 days NOT self-isolated as per ABF's principal requirements?
- Is there any member of the ship's complement that is sick and needs to visit a doctor?
- Will the vessel be doing any crew changes in South Australian Port? If yes, Master will need to provide numbers of off-signers and, numbers and ranks of on-signers.

Flinders Ports will liaise with the Ship's Agent, the Master and/or relevant Authorities to manage any responses to these questions that may require further controls or actions.

COVID-19 SAFETY FOR MARINE PILOTS ON BOARD A SHIP

- Appropriate PPE must be worn by the pilot and bridge crew during the pilotage.
- Where possible shut the air conditioning to the wheelhouse and keep the bridge wing doors open.
- Wipe down the bridge with a disinfectant.
- As much as possible everyone must keep a distance of at least 1.5m from one another.
- Pilot must have access to hot water, soap and paper towels for hand washing and/or hand sanitiser.
- As a precaution please be aware that the pilot may bring a proximity thermometer to check their own temperature and the temperature of the bridge team as part of the pilot master exchange.
- Records of ship crew's temperature may be reviewed on request.
- Any person with a body temperature greater than 38 degrees will need to be isolated, may be reported to SA Health/Biosecurity and the vessel may be returned to anchor.
- If at any time a crew member becomes unwell the Master MUST inform Agent via email and a mobile phone call and if in range contact Harbor Control on VHF12/16 before the Pilot boards.

SHIP'S CREW SHORE LEAVE

- Unfortunately, there will be no crew shore leave until further notice, unless an exemption is granted by Flinders Ports. Visiting crews will need to remain on their ship whilst in Port.

SHIP'S CREW TRANSFERS

In accordance with SA Health advice issued 5 August 2020 the new direction is that **on-signers will need to complete 14-days of mandatory hotel-quarantine** before being allowed to board a vessel.

- If they complete this hotel-quarantine in WA, QLD, NT, or TAS they will be able to transit through SA and board the vessel without any further quarantine requirements.
- If they complete this hotel-quarantine in NSW, VIC, or ACT they will be required to complete a further 14-days self-quarantine (at a location of their choice) in SA before being able to board the vessel.
- Crew can no longer travel to the vessel before completing their quarantine.
- Crew will be required to have a COVID-19 test on day 1 and day 12 of their quarantine period.
- Once the quarantine has been completed, crew can be transferred to the vessel without a police patrol escort.
- Any tests conducted before entering Australia will not be taken into account.

CREW ON BOARD A SHIP REQUIRING MEDICAL TREATMENT

- Vessel Master should report any human health concerns with ship crew via the vessel's agent using the '**Human Health Status**' through MARS. This will notify relevant Health Authorities. Vessel's AGENT should notify Flinders Ports of all reported vessel crew health concerns.
- Relevant Health Authorities will determine the action required in consultation with the Agent. All parties must comply with Health Authority's directions and advice. A Human Biosecurity Officer may be sent to the vessel to assess the unwell individual and determine action.
- A crew member may be allowed to disembark a ship whilst in Port if they require medical treatment for a non COVID-19 related illness or injury.
- Appropriate PPE should be worn and transport will be direct from the ship in a transfer vehicle arranged by the Agent. There shall be no contact with shore personnel.
- If the crew member receives a medical clearance to return to the ship the transfer will be direct from the medical facility to the ship in a transfer vehicle arranged by the Agent.
- If the crew member has suspected COVID-19 related symptoms any assessment and treatment will be coordinated by the relevant Government Authorities.

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