

## PORT CIRCULAR NO 6 OF 2021 (UPDATED 22.12.21)

**To:** All Shipping Agents

**From:** Captain of the Port

**Date:** 22 December 2021

**Re:** Management of Sea Farers and Maritime Related Personnel Under Civil Contingencies Emergency Regulations (Entry requirements)

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### 1. Arrivals by Air

1.1. Director Public Health has aligned the entry requirements for Seafarers arriving by air (includes Yacht personnel) and maritime related personnel (Superintendents / Surveyors / Technicians) in line with other visitors to Gibraltar. Please visit following website for more information on COVID19 - [www.visitgibraltar.gi](http://www.visitgibraltar.gi).

### 2. Arrivals by sea - Disembarking crew

2.1 Disembarking crew will be tested within 24 hours of the disembarkation. Note that disembarking crew also covers individuals which leave the vessel for any purpose (pick up stores, attend a medical appointment, transportation to the Gibraltar / Spanish border, etc).

2.2 **Note:** Separate process applies for crew disembarking from cruise liners.

2.3 For vessels going into Gibdock for repairs there is a requirement to test all the crew on board the vessel.

2.4 In relation to yachts, if the vessel is coming from any port or marina in Spain and has not visited any other port or marina, other than a Spanish one in the last 10 days, then testing will not be required, unless the person is aged 12 years or over has arrived by air (not in Gibraltar airport) and has not been in a country or territory in the 'Red list' in the 10 days preceding their arrival to Gibraltar. In such a case there will be a requirement to:

- Book a test Lateral Flow Test.
- Take the lateral flow test within 24 hours of arrival.

### 3. Arrivals by Sea or Air (FROM A RED LIST COUNTRY)

3.1 For updated list of Red list countries please see link: [Visit Gibraltar - Gibraltar Covid-19 Travel Information](#)  
As the epidemiological situation is assessed by Director Public Health, countries could be removed or added. It is recommended that the site is checked with regularity.

**3.2** There will be a requirement to test (PCR) on arrival. There is a need to isolate until a negative test result is received on day 10 or negative test result received on the day of travel / embarkation (if travelling or embarkation before day 10).

**3.3** In the case that a seafarer or maritime related personnel joins a vessel from a red list country within the last 10 days before arriving in Gibraltar, the whole vessel will be subjected to PCR testing and isolation.

**3.4** For vessels going to GIBDOCK and coming from a red list country no work can be conducted until the crew have been PCR tested and negative test result received. The reason being, to avoid mixing of crew with dock workers until safe to do so. The crew are restricted to work related activity and not allowed to disembark until a negative test result is received on day 10.

**3.5** Crew or maritime related personnel coming from a red list country are not to use Public transport until a negative test result on day 10. Bespoke transportation will have to be arranged 'dirty vehicle' until then.

#### **4. Testing**

**4.1** It will be the responsibility of the shipping agent to ensure that the testing of seafarers and maritime related personnel are conducted as detailed in this circular.

**4.2** Tests have to be conducted by one of the approved private service providers. See list below:

- Strategic Business Consultants Ltd. [Tel:+35054061368](tel:+35054061368) ; 24/7 Mobile telephone number +35054075044. email: [info@sbcgib.com](mailto:info@sbcgib.com)
- College Clinic – Tel: +350 20077777; Out of hours number +350 56004003 – email: [Shipping@collegeclinic.gi](mailto:Shipping@collegeclinic.gi)
- Specialist Medical Clinic – Tel: +35020049999 – email: [info@smg.gi](mailto:info@smg.gi)
- We Care - +35020041448 - email: [info@wecare.gi](mailto:info@wecare.gi)
- Maritime Medical Services Ltd – Email: [info@mms.gi](mailto:info@mms.gi); 24/7 Office: +350 22502248; Port Doctor: +350 22502038 ; Backup Mob: +350 54075070

**4.3** It is important with a view of facilitating the contact tracing process, that when booking the test on behalf of a crew member, the shipping agent provides details of the vessel, location where the crew are staying, together with the contact number of the agent.

#### **5. Symptoms reporting**

**5.1** Ship agents are responsible for the care of crew whilst in Gibraltar. It is the duty of the shipping agent to report soonest any seafarer or maritime related personnel complaining of symptoms that could arise from COVID-19 and ensure that they are tested quickly after developing symptoms.

Further Public Health Advice can be found here: [Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 – Public Health Gibraltar \(healthygibraltar.org\)](http://Novel_Coronavirus_COVID-19_Public_Health_Gibraltar(healthygibraltar.org))

- Headache
- Blocked nose
- Weakness or severe fatigue
- Muscle ache
- Runny nose/eyes
- Loss of taste/smell and/or appetite

- Sore throat
- Fever
- Tummy upset including diarrhoea
- Persistent cough
- Burning eyes

5.2 The most important symptoms are listed in priority order and take account of emerging findings from the Delta variant. Anyone with one of these symptoms will need to be screened for possible Covid infection and the agent should ring 111, where the crewman will be assessed and until given the all clear, they will be suspected to have a COVID-related infection and will need to isolate.

5.3 Further information can be found here:

<https://healthygibraltar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Covid-Leaflet.-Slow-the-Spread.-7.4.20.pdf>

## 6. Yachts

6.1 Vessels arriving into local waters must submit a written declaration or electronic pre-arrival declaration or electronic pre arrival declaration using the ASYCUDA portal at <https://www.hmcustoms.gov.gi/giawclient/> (ASYCUDA).

6.2 This is a legal requirement under the Port Rules (Port Rules). Rule 7A provides as follows:

***1) Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (2) the master of every vessel arriving at the Port from outside the territorial waters of Gibraltar, shall supply and deliver to the Captain of the Port a written report containing the information specified in Part I of Schedule 7 if such vessel is other than a yacht and the information contained in Part II of Schedule 7 if such vessel is a yacht.***

***(2) The provisions of sub-rule (1) shall not apply if the voyage started from Gibraltar and since leaving Gibraltar the vessel has neither touched land nor had contact with any other vessel, Crew, Passenger and Store declaration. 7B. A vessel that is a yacht shall make a Crew, Passenger and Store Declaration electronically to the Captain of the Port in a form approved by the Captain of the Port.***

6.3 Marinas are advised that the following protocol is to be adhered to with immediate effect in respect of yacht arrivals.

## CAPTAIN OF THE PORT