

PORT CIRCULAR 7 OF 2022 **(THIS REPLACES PORT CIRCULAR 6 OF 2021)**

TO: ALL SHIP AGENTS

FROM: CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

DATE: 17 MARCH 2022

RE: UPDATED PORT CIRCULAR – MANAGEMENT OF SEA-FARERS AND MARITIME RELATED PERSONNEL UNDER COVID-19 MEASURES

1. Background Information

- 1.1 With effect from 00.01 on the 18 March 2022 there will be no longer a requirement for sea farers and maritime personnel to test either on arrival or at disembarkation.
- 1.2 With effect from 00.01 on Friday 25 March, even unvaccinated close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases will no longer be required to self-isolate. This will also be applicable to sea farers and maritime related personnel.

2. Testing of Sea Farers and Maritime related personnel

- 2.1 In the case that there is a requirement to test a sea farer or maritime personnel due to conditions imposed by shipping companies or owners, this needs to be carried out by one of the approved local service providers.
- 2.2 When booking the test, it is important that shipping agents provides the local service provider with details of the vessel, location where the crew are staying, together with the contact number of the agent.

3. Symptoms reporting

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Further Public Health Advice can be found here: 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

3.4 The most important symptoms are listed in priority order. 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.

Further information can be found here: <https://healthygibraltar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Covid-Leaflet.-Slow-the-Spread.-7.4.20.pdf>

4. Positive Cases

4.1 Positive cases are to remain in isolation and not allowed to mix with the remaining crew/passengers while in BGTW.

4.2 Positive cases would only be allowed to disembark on advice from DPH and in medical emergencies.

4.3 If the positive case is allowed to remain in Gibraltar, the isolation period will be for 10 days, unless lateral flow tests are negative on both day 6 & 7.

4.4 Pilots / Gibraltar based personnel going on-board the vessel are to comply with the following:

- Use of FFP2 masks.
- Social distancing (operations allowing).
- Ensure good ventilation (operations allowing).
- Make use of the deck area to maximise ventilation (operations allowing).

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