

PORT CIRCULAR 6 OF 2021 (UPDATED 4.10.2021)

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To: All Port Operators

From: Captain of the Port

Date: 4th October 2021

Re: **MANAGEMENT OF SEAFARER AND MARITIME RELATED PERSONNEL UNDER CIVIL CONTINGENCIES EMERGENCY (CORONAVIRUS) EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

1. **ENTRY / TESTING / ISOLATION / REQUIREMENTS**

Seafarers (includes yacht personnel) and maritime related personnel (Superintendents / Surveyors / Technicians) are subject to different testing and isolation requirements depending from which country they have been travelling from.

1.1 **Travelling from Spain**

1.1.1 If travelling from Spain, having been there for the previous 10 days, without symptoms no special requirements apply. If symptoms that could be COVID-19 have been experienced, the shipping agent and/or crew member must report it to the Captain of the Port.

1.2 **Traveling from any country other than a 'Red List' Country**

1.2.1 Normal entry requirements apply. See link: <https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/press-releases/updates-to-covid-19-testing-and-self-isolation-requirements-for-travel-to-gibraltar-7062021-7284>

1.3 **Travelling from a Red List country**

1.3.1 **Red list country** – Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Georgia, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mayotte, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar,

Namibia, Nepal, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, reunion, Qatar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, , Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

- 1.3.2 There will be a requirement to test (PCR) on arrival. If staying in Gibraltar before embarkation or at disembarkation there will be a further requirement to test on day 5, and day 10. During the period between day 1 and day 10 will be required to self-isolate until a negative test result is received on day 10, after which individuals will be allowed to mix with the rest of the community. In the case of maritime related personnel, the individual is not allowed to mix with other individuals and must remain isolated until 10 days have passed and a negative test result received.
- 1.3.3 FFP2 masks are to be worn at all times when not in isolation. Eating, drinking or smoking are not allowed when outside the residential setting.
- 1.3.4 In the case that any seafarer or maritime related personnel joins a vessel from a red list country within the last 10 days the whole vessel will be subjected to the testing and self-isolating regime as if they had all been to a red list country.
- 1.3.5 For vessels at GIBDOCK, activity is restricted to work only. Any other time outside work activity the crew or maritime related personnel are to self-isolate. Whilst engaged in the work activity individuals are to wear masks, work activity allowing. Any person other than the crew or maritime related personnel can only enter the vessel strictly for work related activity and organise the work to limit to the maximum possible engaging with the crew or maritime related personnel.

1.4. Stays under 5 days

- 1.4.1 Stays under 5 days: In the case that the seafarer or the maritime related personnel is staying at a hotel or yacht for less than 5 days a test will be conducted on arrival, day 1. A second test will be required to be conducted between day 3 and day 5, preferably nearest to the date of travel / embarkation (unless directed otherwise by the Director of Public Health). The individuals will be confined to their rooms or cabins until the day of travel / embarkation.
- 1.4.2 Short stay: crew members whom are accommodated temporarily at a hotel awaiting embarkation (less than 12 hours) will be required to be isolated in a designated hotel room. Crew members are not to mix with crew from different ships or hotel guests.

2.1 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR CREW MEMBERS

2.1.1 Please note that sea fearers and maritime related personnel coming from a red list country need to be conveyed in a 'dirty vehicle' For the benefit of any doubt the use of dirty vehicles are those that adhere to the following conditions (Not applicable to maritime related personnel residing in Spain or having been in UK 10 days preceding before travel):

2.1.2 Currently the following companies have adapted vehicles:

- Blands Travel
- Parody Tours
- Persian Rose (contactable via email taxiassociation@gibtelecom.net)
- Calypso
- Taxis (list of taxis which will be designated as dirty taxis and which will only be able to transport crew members to be provided by Taxi Association). These taxis will not be permitted to transfer local residents unless the taxi has been deep-cleaned.



2.1.3 Please note that transportation of seafarers are third party arrangements between the agent and service provider. However, agents are to adhere to the companies stated above.

2.1.4 The following hotels are designated hotels for maritime related operations.

- Holiday Inn Express
- Elliott Hotel
- Caleta Palace Hotel
- Rock Hotel

2.1.5 Sunborn hotel (**will only accommodate crew which have been tested negative**).

2.1.6 Please note that the accommodation of maritime related operations is a third party arrangement between the agent and service provider.

2.1.7 The agent must ensure that hotel accommodation is confirmed for maritime related persons that they represent for the duration of their stay.

2.1.8 Please note that yacht crew attending superyachts will need to abide by this protocol with the difference that crew will be able to isolate on board the yacht itself if this has the capacity to provide the safety requirements.

3.1.1 **TESTING**

3.1.1 It will be the responsibility of the shipping agent to ensure that the testing of seafarers and maritime personnel is conducted on the days as detailed in this circular.

3.1.2 Approved private clinics:

- College Clinic – Tel: +350 20077777; Out of hours number +350 56004003– email: Shipping@collegeclinic.gi
- Maritime Medical Services Ltd – Tel: +35054075070 – email: info@mms.gi
- Specialist Medical Clinic – Tel: +35020049999 – email: info@smg.gi
- We Care - +35020041448 - email: info@wecare.gi
- Strategic Business Consultants Ltd [Tel:+35054061367](tel:+35054061367) / [00447824517165](tel:00447824517165) – email: info@sbcgib.com

4.1.1 **SHIPS AGENTS' RESPONSIBILITY**

All ships agents are responsible for the care of crew whilst in Gibraltar. It is their duty to report anyone complaining of symptoms that could arise from COVID-19 promptly, and ensure that they are tested quickly after developing symptoms. Symptoms can be found at WWW.COVID.GI and include:

- 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

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

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

- 4.1.2 The agent must ensure that hotel accommodation is confirmed for all those crew members that they represent for the duration of their stay. Crew members from super yachts will be able to isolate on board the yacht, the vessel capacity allowing.

5.1.1 **YACHTS / LOCAL SMALL BOATS**

- 5.1.1 Every vessel arriving into local waters must submit a written declaration or electronic pre arrival declaration using the ASYCUDA portal at <https://www.hmcustoms.gov.gi/giawclient/> (ASYCUDA) or submit a written report using the attached form to the Captain of the Port to the following e-mail address ops@port.gov.gi

- 5.1.2 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.

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

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

