

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

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### Port of Southampton – Enhanced Surveillance Measures – Maritime Declaration of Health

Southampton Port Health in agreement with Public Health England has implemented enhanced surveillance measures at the Port of Southampton. Masters of vessels calling into Southampton, in all circumstances, are to submit their Maritime Declaration Health (MDH) to Southampton Port Health Authority at [port.health@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:port.health@southampton.gov.uk) and copy [southamptonvts@abports.co.uk](mailto:southamptonvts@abports.co.uk). In the MDH the Master of the vessel should also indicate the origin of the ship, when it left the origin port, and all ports where the vessel has docked during the 14 days prior to arrival. Ships must also report anyone on board the vessel who has in the last 14 days been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus - see [coronavirus advice for travellers](#) or if they have been in close contact with confirmed case of COVID-19 infection within the 14 days prior to the vessel arriving in Southampton.

Advice is also available from the NHS' [online coronavirus service](#) if anyone has been to one of the identified places in the last 14 days.

ABP Southampton is taking measures to ensure Pilots are healthy and free of any illness before they board your ship and it is expected that ships are taking suitable precautions to ensure the health of Southampton Pilots. Mitigation measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 include rigorous cleaning of the bridge equipment (chart table, instruments, chairs, helm, handrails, consoles, telegraphs, windows, radio handsets etc.), maximum social distancing, regular hand-washing and avoidance of touching their own faces and minimum access to the bridge during pilotage.

Further advice can be found at  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-shipping-and-sea-ports-guidance>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre  
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Harbour Master**

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**Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.**