

INFORMATION FOR MARINE PILOTS ON PILOTAGE OF VESSELS ARRIVING FROM AREAS AFFECTED BY COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS

1. Prior boarding a vessel, to assess the use of necessary protective equipment, pilot should confirm the last ports of call of the vessel through data available in Croatian integrated maritime information system CIMIS, by contacting Maritime traffic department in Harbour Master's Office or by contacting vessel's agent. In case of any uncertainty or doubt, sanitary inspector should be contacted to clarify information on crew and passengers.
2. Prior boarding, during Pilots - Ship VHF communication, pilot should confirm current medical condition on-board with Master of the vessel or duty officer.
3. Pilot should use the personal protective equipment as necessary or as per Croatian Institute of Public Health recommendation. Personal protective equipment as listed below:
 - Disposable protective gloves (sterile not required)
 - Disposable nose and mouth protective mask (FFP2 recommended)
 - Safety goggles
 - Disposable overall or apron
 - Alcohol based hand sanitizer
4. In order to reduce the risk of infection, the following measures should be taken:
 - Any pilot who has a compromised immune system or has diagnosed heart or lung conditions should not be allocated to the pilotage of a vessel arriving from areas affected by COVID-19 corona virus
 - Personal protective equipment should be worn
 - Where possible, contact with persons on board the vessel should be limited to essential crew only
 - Pilots should avoid touching their mouth, eyes, and nose with unwashed hands or gloves
 - Pilots should carry alcohol-based hand sanitiser and wash their hands frequently while on board the vessel with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
 - Avoid eating meals on-board
 - Where possible, pilots should stay one metre or more away from crew and passengers avoiding physical contact, for example shaking hands
5. During the pilot's stay on-board a vessel coming from areas affected by COVID-19 corona virus outbreak (this areas are regularly updated on the web site of the Croatian Institute of Public Health <https://www.hziz.hr/en/>) he/she should follow the instructions given by the Croatian Institute of Public Health, especially if the symptoms of corona virus are noticed within the crew or passengers.

Symptoms of coronavirus include fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath. Difficulty breathing is a sign of possible pneumonia that requires immediate medical attention. COVID-19 is most likely to spread from person to person through:

 - Direct contact with a person while they are infectious;
 - Contact with droplets when a person with a confirmed infection coughs or sneezes;

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- Touching objects or surfaces that are contaminated by droplets from secretions coughed or sneezed from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

If a pilot becomes aware of any person with above mentioned symptoms, they should contact Harbour Master and/or sanitary inspector as well as ask the vessel master to report the illness in their pre-arrival report. In case of suspected disease, an infected crew member or passenger, according to IMO and WHO recommendations, should be isolated on-board in a single cabin until sanitary inspector gives the further instructions.

6. If the pilot has been in contact with ill persons on-board, upon disembarking, he/she should inform the sanitary inspector, Harbour Master's Office and the Croatian Institute of Public Health (CIPH tel. +385 91 468 3032 / +385 99 468 3001 working days from 08:00 to 22:00, Saturday and Sunday from 08:00 to 14:00).
7. It is necessary to check daily updates on COVID-19 corona virus of following web pages:

Croatian Institute of Public Health:

<https://www.hzjz.hr/en/>

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (situation reports):

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL:

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/geographical-distribution-2019-ncov-cases>