



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Novel Coronavirus

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United States officials are monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in China. The U.S. Coast Guard's Inspections and Compliance Directorate has released MSIB Number 01-20 regarding general precautions and reporting requirements which may be found at this link: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Featured-Content/Mariners/Marine-Safety-Information-Bulletins-MSIB/>.

For vessels arriving Sector Corpus Christi, any person on board your vessel should be considered symptomatic for 2019-nCoV if they exhibit the following:

- Fever AND symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND in the last 30 days before symptom onset, a history of travel from China OR close contact with a person who is under investigation for 2019-nCoV while that person was ill. Please note that fever may not be present in some patients, such as those who are very young, elderly, immunosuppressed, or taking certain medications; or
- Fever OR symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), and in the last 30 days before symptom onset, close contact with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient.

To further protect the health of the public during the emergence of this novel coronavirus, Sector Corpus Christi is screening inbound vessels:

- For any person on board your vessel that has been to or in China in the last 30 days; or
- For any person on board your vessel exhibiting any required reportable illness, including symptoms of the 2019-nCoV; or
- That report visiting China within their last 5 ports of call.

If your answer to any of the above 3 questions is "yes" then you are hereby directed by the Captain of the Port Corpus Christi to immediately contact the Sector Corpus Christi Command Center at (361) 939-0450 for further arrival instruction.

As a general reminder, U.S. regulations in Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subpart 71.21, require the master of a ship destined for a U.S. port to immediately report the onboard occurrence of any ill person among passengers or crew to the quarantine station with jurisdiction over the port at which the ship will arrive. An ill person means a person who:

(A) Has a fever (a measured temperature of 100.4 °F [38 °C] or greater; or feels warm to the touch; or gives a history of feeling feverish) accompanied by one or more of the following: skin rash, difficulty breathing or suspected or confirmed pneumonia, persistent cough or cough with bloody sputum, decreased consciousness or confusion of recent onset, new unexplained bruising or bleeding (without previous injury), persistent vomiting (other than sea sickness), headache with stiff neck; or

(B) Has a fever that has persisted for more than 48 hours; or

(C) Has acute gastroenteritis, which means either diarrhea, defined as three or more episodes of loose stools in a 24-hour period or what is above normal for the individual, or vomiting accompanied by one or more of the following: One or more episodes of loose stools in a 24-hour period, abdominal cramps, headache, muscle aches, or fever (temperature of 100.4 °F [38 °C] or greater); or

(D) Has symptoms or other indications of communicable disease, as the Director may announce through posting of a notice in the Federal Register.

The Quarantine Station with jurisdiction over the Port of Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi Lightering Zone is located in Houston, Texas and can be contacted at (281) 230-3874.

Any ill person(s) should be isolated in a private cabin until they are evaluated by a doctor to prevent transmission to others. Contact with other crew should be minimized. If masks are available, the ill person(s) should wear a mask while not in isolation to prevent further spread.

Any person(s) on board a vessel which has ANY of the above listed 2019-nCoV symptoms or any other reportable illness are deemed by the Captain of the Port to potentially affect the safety of the vessel and/or the port and meets the definition and reporting requirements for a Hazardous Condition noted in 33 CFR 160.216. Vessel operators are also encouraged to contact their Flag State.

Failure to report the above information immediately to the U.S. Coast Guard while a vessel is bound for or operating in the Captain of the Port Corpus Christi area of responsibility may subject the vessel to civil penalty of up to \$94,219.



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By Direction of the Captain of the Port