

## NPA SPECIAL MARINE SECURITY NOTIFICATION

### Issue: Novel Coronavirus

### For immediate dissemination

### Purpose

Nanaimo Port Authority (NPA) is responding and is committed to provide information and guidance on protocols to consider safeguarding the health and safety of those working within the Port of Nanaimo. The information in this notification is based on best practices and on recommendations developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada and World Health Organization (WHO) to prevent and minimize the spread of the virus and to contribute to the health and safety of those working within the Port of Nanaimo.

### Background

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and which has now been detected in 37 locations internationally, including cases in the United States. The virus has been named *SARS-CoV-2* and the disease it causes has been named *coronavirus disease 2019* (abbreviated *COVID-19*). To date there has been limited human to human transmission of the virus. (CDC – February 25, 2020)

On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a [public health emergency of international concern](#) (PHEIC). Recognizing the evolving situation concerning the *SARS-CoV-2*, Transport Canada Marine Security Operations provided information and guidance to the Canadian marine industry on protocols to consider safeguarding the health and safety of those working the marine industry in Canada. This information was based on recommendations developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the WHO to minimize the spread of the virus and to contribute to the health and safety of those working in the marine industry in Canada.

### Signs and Symptoms

Common signs of infection with a coronavirus include fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, kidney failure and even death. Current estimates of the incubation period of the virus range from 2-10 days, and these estimates will be refined as more data become available (WHO – January 27, 2020)

### Preventative Measures

While the immediate risk of this new virus to the Port of Nanaimo users and staff is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part to help the Port of Nanaimo respond to this emerging public health threat. Personal hygiene measures such as frequent hand washing with soap and water, avoiding touching the eyes, nose and mouth and avoiding close contact with people who are symptomatic are important preventative

measures. It is recommended that getting a flu vaccine, taking flu antivirals if prescribed, and taking everyday preventative actions can stop the spread of germs.

### **Temporary Direction and Guidance**

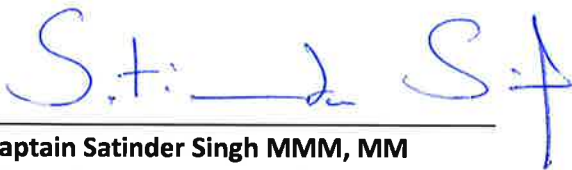
In order to contribute to the health and safety of those who work in and support the business within NPA, and to reduce and/or eliminate the risk of spreading of the Coronavirus within the Port of Nanaimo jurisdiction, the following is implemented on a temporary basis:

#### *FOREIGN FLAGGED VESSELS*

1. Foreign flagged ships are to ensure that all required components of the 96-hour and 24-hour Pre-Arrival Inspection Report (PAIR) are completed in accordance with section 221 of the Marine Transportation Security Regulations (MTSR);
2. Vessel Masters with crew members and passengers symptomatic of the Coronavirus are to advise TC Marine Safety and Security following transmission of the 96-hour PAIR;
3. In vessels with symptomatic crew members or passengers, TC Marine Security Inspectors will advise Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) Officials, who will follow up directly with the vessel;
4. Based on the information provided in '3' above, PHAC will provide follow-on directions;
5. In the event that PHAC determines that a crew member or passenger onboard a vessel to be at risk, TC Marine Safety and Security, in coordination with PHAC, will provide notification to others on a required basis (including but not limited to Nanaimo Port Authority, CCG, Pilotage Authorities, TC Marine Safety, CBSA, etc)

#### *DOMESTIC VESSELS*

1. The above procedures will not apply to Canadian Registered Vessels;
2. Domestic ships should report passengers and crew who are symptomatic of the Coronavirus to provincial and local health authorities; and
3. If a case of Coronavirus is suspected, Masters of Canadian Vessels are to advise Transport Canada and supporting agencies, i.e. Nanaimo Port Authority and Pilots prior to others boarding or coming into contact with passengers from the vessel.



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