

COVID-19 _ Considerations for vessels calling at the Port of Bunbury

Guidance to Masters of vessels prior to Pilot boarding and during pilotage

Up to 4 hours prior to the Pilot boarding, the Master is required to send a health declaration, to the Harbour Master and Pilots, containing information regarding the crew's health, declaring any ill health on board the vessel if applicable.

This declaration will be forwarded via the agent to the Master and returned ensuring bypilots@southernports.com.au is included in the message.

Also, within this 4 hour period, all surfaces that the Pilot is likely to come in contact with during the pilotage must be sanitised and disinfected. Particular attention should be made to hand rails in stair wells, bridge front area and in the area around the bridge centre next to the gyro compass repeater.

During Pilot transfer from the pilot launch to the wheelhouse, crew are to maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from the Pilot. All crew involved near the pilot ladder are required to wear protective masks and gloves.

Non essential bridge personnel are not permitted in the wheelhouse during the passage. Bridge personnel are to wear face masks and maintain a distance of 1.5 metres at all times. Essential personnel entering the Bridge during the pilotage must comply with all hygiene and sanitary requirements.

The ship's crew should provide a sanitised 'Pilot Area' in the wheelhouse with hand sanitiser and spare face masks. This could be a collapsible table on the bridge front bulkhead or the bridge front window sill for example. This area should be kept clear of all other equipment and avoided by bridge personnel.

Bridge personnel should refrain from touching the Pilot's equipment. All personnel are to practice good hygiene, ensuring there is no smoking or spitting, and sneezing or coughing into the crook of elbow or paper tissues. Regular hand washing and sanitising is recommended.

Hand sanitiser should be readily available for use on the Bridge, and toilets must be adequately equipped with liquid soap, warm water and paper towels.

The above actions must be completed prior to Pilot boarding for arrival and departure pilotage.

It is recommended that a copy of this document is printed and kept on the Bridge for the use of all watch keeping officers.

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