

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

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

The aim of this guidance is to protect the Pilot and the ship's crew from transmission of airborne viruses during the vessel's visit to the Port of Bunbury.

There are currently no requirements for the Master and crew of vessels entering the Port of Bunbury to perform enhanced cleaning, or to wear masks, gloves or other PPE to prevent the spread of airborne viruses.

Crew working in close proximity to the Pilot within the accommodation are recommended to wear a face mask. At all other times there is no requirement for face masks to be worn.

If the Master has any requirements for PPE to be worn by the Pilot when onboard the vessel, this should be confirmed with the Pilot prior to boarding.

It is requested that a sanitised 'Pilot Area' in the wheelhouse with hand sanitiser and spare face masks is made available. This could be a collapsible table on the bridge front bulkhead or the bridge front windowsill 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.

**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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