



COMISION DE PRACTICAJE DE PUERTO RICO

URGENT MEMO

TO: SJBP, SJBPTF, SHP, SHPTF, PRHPP&WP, PRSA, MATS, ALL STEAMSHIP
AGENTS & PILOTAGE SERVICE USERS IN GENERAL

FROM: COMISION DE PRACTICAJE DE PUERTO RICO
KRISTIAN BUSTO, PRESIDENT

DATE: MARCH 27, 2020

SUBJECT: **ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY HEALTH MEASURES REQUIRED TO
PREVENT AND/OR MITIGATE THE TRANSMISSION OF THE NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TO THE TO PUERTO RICO PILOTS DURING
PILOTAGE SERVICES TO INCOMING AND OUTGOING TRAFFIC**

The Puerto Rico Pilots Commission is broadening the precautionary health measures and compulsory requirements previously announced through the Urgent Memo sent earlier this week. This is an attempt to further prevent any PR Harbor Pilot from acquiring the COVID-19 while providing pilotage service in the navigable waters of Puerto Rico as required by law and to also protect the crew members onboard vessels receiving their services.

The following precautions and measures should be enforced by all vessels:

1. Prior to the pilots boarding the vessel, the bridge and equipment must be sanitized; as well as the pilot chair, binoculars, door handles, ECDIS, Radars and open bridge wings.
2. Pilot on duty or dispatcher must be advised thru the agent on the health status of all persons onboard as outlined in HEALTH DECLARATION FORM of the vessel.
3. Minimize the number of crew at the pilot boarding area.
4. The pilot must be escorted by one (1) person to and from the bridge and keep two (2) meters away from the pilot. ID's will be presented but not touch by the crew.
5. Pilots will go directly to the bridge using the outside stairs, if elevators must be used only with the escort personnel. "NO Sharing"

6. Pilots will not greet any shipboard personnel with the customary handshake.
7. Non-essential crew members should be kept out of the bridge while the vessel is being piloted.
8. Pilots will not be able to sign any documents on the bridge.
9. All shipboard personnel must maintain a distance of at least two (2) meters from the pilots. This space should also be maintained during Master/Pilot Exchange
10. Vessel must inform in the HEALTH DECLARATION FORM of any crew member or passenger that has been preventively quarantined by physician or designated authority, even if that person shows no symptoms or health issues at the moment.

Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated, as we strive to keep our pilots as well as you crew safe and healthy. Any health issue with the vessels will be reported to the USCG.