



NOTICE TO MARINERS

NTM: 2020/04

LERWICK HARBOUR – MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

There is currently a pandemic of a novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is affecting the UK among other countries. This situation has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization Emergency Committee, under the International Health Regulations.

A Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) is required for all vessels on arrival from a foreign port.

However, in response to this situation regarding COVID-19, Public Health Scotland and the Scottish Ports Liaison Network require that information be submitted to the Scottish Port Health Authority of the port in the table below in the following cases irrespective of the vessel* or whether it is arriving from a foreign port or another UK port:

- Any vessel which has visited another port in the past 14 days; and/or
- Any vessel that has had a (personnel or location) crew change in the past 14 days; and/or
- Any vessel that has had a suspect/confirmed case in the past 14 days.

The information we require is the same as that required in the current MDH and should therefore allow Port Authority to establish:

- Any persons unwell during the voyage and/ or on arrival, and any sanitary measures taken in response to that illness;
- Origin of the ship, when it left the origin port, and all ports where the vessel has docked during the 14 days prior to arrival;
- Any crew changes.

We ask that the master of the vessel submit the information electronically using the current MDH form, where possible, for convenience.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough or chest tightness, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, muscle pain, fatigue and breathing difficulty. The Master of the ship should consider any of these as grounds for suspecting the existence of a disease of an infectious nature in addition to those listed on the current MDH.

Where a port operator or ship's agent receives notice that there are ill persons on a vessel then:

If the suspected case is a medical emergency, you **must** call 999 for medical assistance and you **must** inform attending services that the case has had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

* Using the scope of the Common European Reporting System reporting requirement this current Notice to Mariners applies to the following vessels (excepting vessels providing domestic ferry services):

- Ships of 300 Gross Tonnage and upwards;
- Fishing vessels, traditional ships and recreational craft, where the length of the fishing vessel, traditional ship, or recreational craft is 45 metres and above; and
- All ships engaged on international voyages



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DO NOT disembark the patient or arrange alternative transport to a hospital until advised to do so. DO NOT disembark any other crew or passengers. Also ask the Harbour Master to inform the NHS Public Health (local Health Protection Team) and the Port Health Authority (the local authorities).

If the suspected case is not seriously ill you must notify the relevant NHS Health Protection Team on (See list below). Contact details for the case must be provided with sufficient information to allow the Health Protection Team to determine follow up action. This will include symptoms, duration, contacts and travel history. DO NOT disembark the suspected case.

Further information can be found on the Scottish Government, Public Health Scotland and World Health Organization websites.

The following are the contact details for submitting your Maritime Declaration of Health:

Lerwick Harbour, Port Control Tel: +44 (0) 1595 692991
Email: ptcontrol@lerwick-harbour.co.uk

NHS Shetland Health Protection Tel: 01595 743340 or Out of Hours Tel: 01595 743000
Email: shet-hb.PublicHealthShetland@nhs.net

SIC Environmental Health Tel: 01595 745250
Email: ehadmin@shetland.gov.uk

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Capt. Alexander M Simpson
Harbourmaster

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