



TasPorts – COVID-19 Information for Shipping Agents and Vessels

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As a number of Commonwealth and State requirements for COVID-19 are easing, TasPorts will take a considered approach for the health and safety of people. We continue to believe that we all have a shared responsibility to take action in response to the virus and to remain diligent as changes are implemented. The following outlines TasPorts guidance to all Shipping Agents and Vessels calling into Tasmanian ports.

VESSEL CHECKLISTS

Coronavirus Validation Vessel Checklists are no longer required to be submitted into PortMate. It remains a requirement to inform VTS and relevant authorities if a crew member is showing signs of illness. Relevant authorities are:

Australian Border Force	ABF.Hobart@abf.gov.au ABF.Launceston@abf.gov.au ABF.Burnie@abf.gov.au	03 6230 1222 (Hobart) 03 6332 3600 (Launceston)
Tasmania Biosecurity	TAS.Biosecurity@awe.gov.au	03 6165 3777
Maritime National Coordination Centre	maritimenc@awe.gov.au	1300 004 605

VTS will be utilising a Pre-Arrival Form that will include questions that relate to a crew member's health. It is a TasPorts requirement to complete this questionnaire prior to berthing.

14 DAY EXCLUSION PERIOD

Updated advice from Australian Border Force means that the 14-day restriction on vessels from their last port of departure has now been lifted. There is no longer a requirement for vessels to meet a 14-day timeframe prior to arriving in Tasmania.

All international crew joining a vessel in any State, must continue to meet Commonwealth, and respective State entry requirements before entering Tasmanian Port limits. International crew joining or departing a vessel in Tasmania must continue to meet Commonwealth, and Tasmanian State entry requirements.

CREW DISEMBARKATION

Fully vaccinated crew from international and domestic vessels arriving in Tasmania will be able to undertake shore leave from Friday 8 April. Unvaccinated crew will only be granted shore leave from this time with approval from the State Controller's Office.

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Approval must be sought from Covid.coordination.centre.operations.duty.manager@police.tas.gov.au for all unvaccinated crew prior to disembarkation or shore leave being granted.

In all cases, each crew member's status must be included in the TasPorts Vessel Security List – indicating whether they are: 'Fully Vaccinated'; 'Approved by State Controller'; or 'Not approved to disembark'. Evidence of status may be required by relevant Commonwealth or State Agencies. Approved forms of identification must be presented to Security prior to re-entering a port.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Where crew who are not approved are required to disembark the vessel due to a medical emergency, approvals must be sought from the State Controller. Crew members disembarking the vessel must do so under conditions and directions issued by the State. Requests for crew to leave the vessel for emergency reasons must be forwarded to TasPorts Security at Security@tasports.com.au

PILOT BOARDING REQUIREMENTS

When a TasPorts Pilot is on board any international vessel, we continue to request the following:

- The bridge surfaces are to be cleaned/disinfected prior to pilot boarding.
- There are to be no non-essential personnel on the bridge when Pilot is on board.
- No one to be permitted on bridge with any cold/flu symptoms.
- Where practicable, maintain at least 1.5m distance with the Pilot.
- An approved facemask and disposable gloves are to be worn correctly by all personnel on the bridge during pilotage
- Do not share pens with TasPorts Pilots.
- Do not offer food or beverages to TasPorts Pilots.

For the safety of personnel on vessels, TasPorts Pilots may continue to utilise increased hygiene practices including wearing PPE, masks, disposable gloves, using single use pens, sanitising all equipment before and after Pilotage jobs as well as providing their own food and beverages.

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