



Ports of Tilbury and Tilbury2 Notice to Mariners – No. 2 of 2020 Forth Ports Marine Group: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19.

Further information can be found on the World Health Organisation at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Vessel owners, Masters and Agents are reminded that they have a responsibility to report any issues to the relevant Port Health Authority (PHA). PHA's must be notified of any cases of, or symptoms of, infectious disease aboard a vessel prior to it arriving in port.

A Public Health Emergency Contingency Plan, maintained by Port Health and its partners, is in place to respond to any significant issue.

All vessels that have called at any Chinese port, or that have crew that may have travelled from any quarantined area as per the Department of Health Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> are required to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) – a document from the International Health Regulations that contains information about health on board a ship.

Officers of the Port Health Authority are also undertaking assessment of on-board documentation and providing health protection information.




Checks so far have all been negative, however Port Health remains vigilant and are monitoring the international developments closely.

Further information will be available by contacting the Duty Harbour Master at Tilbury Lock Office on telephone 01375 852456 and “Tilbury Control” on VHF Channel 04.

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 	<p>EXPIRY DATE: N/A</p> <p>A full list of current Notice to Mariners can be found at:- http://www.tilbury-marine.co.uk/</p> <p>Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV images may be recorded.</p>	
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