

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

FIRTH OF FORTH

Forth Ports Marine Group: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance

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 Masters of all vessels^{1,2} arriving into the Firth of Forth are advised that they are required to submit an information using the Maritime Declaration of Health form at least 24 hours prior to arrival, or where the passage time is less upon departure from the last Port.

In addition to the Maritime Declaration of Health form all Masters are to complete the attached supplementary questionnaire and submit this along with the Maritime Declaration of Health. (This can also be found as a standalone document on the Forth Ports website:

<https://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/permits-forms/>)

All information should be supplied to your appointed agent for forwarding to the relevant Authorities for assessment.

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.

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 / FTNS to inform the NHS Public Health (local Health Protection Team) and the Port Health Authority (the local authorities).

¹ For attention of Masters and Captains of smaller vessels:

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

² Masters and skippers of pleasure craft - When arriving direct from outside the UK you must phone the [National Yachtline](#) on

0300 123 2012. You will need to complete form [C1331](#) and inform the Yachtline if there is any notifiable illness on board. Refer to: [Notice 8: sailing your pleasure craft to and from the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Masters are also reminded that should a crew member experience a reportable condition during the vessel's stay they must report this immediately to the Port Authority and Health Authorities.

The Scottish Government has published [guidance on international travel and quarantine](#).

The UK Government has published [guidance on international travel and quarantine](#).

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, 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.

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

Forth Ports	Telephone Number	Email Address	VHF Channel
FTNS	01324 498584 or 01324 498586	forth&taynavigationsservice@forthports.co.uk	'Forth Navigation' 71

Ports / Terminals	Port Health Authority Contact Details	NHS Public Health (local Health Protection Team) Contact Details
Grangemouth	Falkirk Council 01324 504982 (office hours) porthealth@falkirk.gov.uk	NHS Forth Valley 01786 457283 (office hours ask for CPHM on Call) 01324 566000 (emergency out of hours – ask for CPHM on call)
Rosyth Crombie (Royal Navy) Braefoot Bay Inverkeithing Burntisland Kirkcaldy Methil	Fife Council 01592 583228 (office hours) food.advice@fife.gov.uk	NHS Fife 01592 226435 (office hours) 01592 643355 (emergency out of hours – ask for CPHM on call)
Leith Granton Newhaven Hound Point South Queensferry	City of Edinburgh Council 0131 469 5751/5794/5934 (office hours) 0131 200 2000 (out with office hours) environmentalhealth@edinburgh.gov.uk	NHS Lothian 0131 465 5420/5422 (office hours) 0131 242 1000 Edinburgh Royal Infirmary switchboard (emergency out of hours – ask for CPHM on call)

Further Information:

Health Protection Scotland

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/wuhan-novel-coronavirus/>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

UK Government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-shipping-and-sea-ports-guidance/guidance-for-shipping-and-sea-ports-on-coronavirus-covid-19#what-you-need-to-know>

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS IN ADDITION TO THE
MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH FORM**

ANNEX 8 – INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

COVID-19 Virus Questions

NAME OF VESSEL	
IMO NUMBER	
DATE and ETA at [insert name of port]	

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

Has any passenger or member of crew tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days	YES	NO

IF YES

Name	Passenger or crew	Date +ve	Symptomatic	On board	If Yes are they in isolation	If No are when did they disembark
	Pass/Crew		Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
	Pass/Crew		Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
	Pass/Crew		Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
	Pass/Crew		Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	

IF YES

How many persons are in self-isolation	Passengers	Crew

Have there been any crew or passenger changes in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

IF YES

	YES	NO
Have any crew or passengers travelled countries out with the Common Travel Area in the last 14 days?		
Please specify which area(s) visited		
Have any crew or passengers had contact with any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or anyone under COVID-19 monitoring in the last 14 days?		

Signed	
Position	

Status of previously published notices:

No 10, 24 and 45 of 2019 remain in force

No 04, 07, 23, 51 and 64 of 2020 remain in force

No 06, 07, 14, 15, 20, 22, 24 and 25 of 2021 remain in force

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