SAFEGUARDING MEASURES AT BORDERS

Management of persons in the framework of maritime surveillance (blue border) and SAR in the context of COVID-19 / sanitary crisis linked to contagious disease

HOW DOES COVID-19 SPREAD?

- Respiratory droplets
- Physical contact
- Touching surfaces

GENERAL MEASURES FOR SELF-PROTECTION OF OFFICERS

- Wearing PPE (masks, gloves, coverall), at least for officers in contact with possibly infected individuals
- Hand hygiene (cleaning hands with soap and water or with an alcohol-based hand rub)
- Refrain from touching eyes, mouth and nose
- Disinfection of personal equipment and of the ship’s spaces used for hosting third persons (if/where applicable)
- Keep the distance (min. 1.5 m) (if/where applicable)

ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR PROTECTION OF COLLEAGUES OR FAMILIES AFTER THE SHIFT

- Clean or decontaminate your work equipment, including shoes, avoiding the spread of particles/dust
- Take off duty clothes and wash them with laundry soap as soon as feasible
- Handle, transport and wash them in way that limits exposure to skin, eyes, environment and other clean clothes (avoid shaking clothes)
- Take a shower or wash exposed skin with soap and water
- Self-monitor for signs of illness and seek medical advice if you show any symptom

RECOMMENDED PROTECTION, DISINFECTION AND SCREENING AS WELL AS ISOLATION ARRANGEMENTS

For possibly infected persons
- Mask
- Body bag

Disinfection product
- Water, Soap
- Alcoholic hand rub
- Sprays

Personal Protective Equipment
- Mask (FFP2 type)
- Gloves
- Goggles or face shield

Screening equipment
- Contactless Thermometer
- Thermoscan (onboard larger ships or at least on land) and rapid testing kits

Isolation of possibly infected persons
- At sea: separate area (on larger ships)
- On land: separate facility for further screening, medical check and support

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Dry cough
- Tiredness
- Aches and pains
- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste and smell

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### Recovery of persons from the water / Assistance to ships in distress at sea

**Before departing for Patrol mission at sea**

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1. Test and scan crew members
2. Place sanitising products onboard the ship at most relevant locations
3. Briefing of crews prior to mission
   - Safety instructions and weather/security conditions
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4. Foresee a separate and adequately safe area on the ship (if/where applicable) and on land, where possibly infected persons may get appropriate medical check and help

**SANITARY SITUATION**

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**Detection and Interception**

1. **1st Screening (Initial Observation before boarding)**
   - Visible presence of ill individuals?
   - In capacity to provide assistance alone?

2. **2nd Screening (Medical Examination)**
   - COVID-19 (or other contagious disease) infected?

3. **Evacuation / Transfer to relevant services**
   - Sanitary Evacuation
   - Placed in isolation & Transfer to relevant services

**Clean or decontaminate personal equipment on regular intervals**

**After the Mission: Decontaminate the Ship!**

**Workflow description in the context of maritime surveillance (blue border / national maritime area) or SAR operation. Tasks carried out by coast guard, navy or maritime customs units**

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Additional information also on: [http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx)

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**1. First Screening (at sea)**

   Initial visual observation of individuals, looking for signs of the infectious disease, wounded people, etc. If the conditions allows, officer can ask brief questions in order to identify possible symptoms and/or reasonably assess possible exposure to infectious agent.

**2. Second Screening (on larger ships and/or on land)**

   Should be carried out by personnel with medical training and includes an in depth interview of ill individuals to determine the possibility of symptoms of and exposure to the virus responsible for COVID-19 disease, a focused medical and laboratory examination and second temperature measurement.

**EVACUATION / TRANSFER TO RESPONSIBLE SERVICES**

- Secure and isolate ill individuals
- COVID-19 (or other contagious disease) infected?
- Secure and ship back to land
- Medical Examination
- Check of individuals’ profile(s) / identity
- Evacuation / Transfer to competent services
- Placed in isolation & Transfer to relevant services

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