

COVID-19 – Considerations for vessels calling at the Port of Dampier

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Attachments:	3 x Appendices

General Information:

PPA Port of Dampier remains guided by the Australian Border Force and Australian Government Department of Health in relation to establishing required protocols to manage the COVID-19 issue during port operations.

Key Objectives:

- Provide ship operators with links to relevant and official information issued by the relevant Australian Government Agencies.
- Outline the current requirements and considerations for vessels calling at the Port of Dampier.

The Australian Government – Department of Health, has issued two information bulletins specific to the marine industry:

- 1) Covid-19 information for marine pilots
- 2) Covid-19 information for marine industry

The above information bulletins are frequently revised based on updated health guidance. Latest information is available on the website <https://www.health.gov.au>

The Western Australian State Government has also issued declarations under the State of Emergency Act. The declaration can be accessed [here](#).

What vessels have additional COVID-19 requirements?

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Mariners and other port users are requested to notify the Harbour Master on the discovery of new dangers or suspected dangers to navigation within the Port.

- International cruise ships
- Vessels with crew or passengers who have left, or transited through, any country other than Australia in the last 14 days
- Vessels that have ill crew or passengers or suspected cases of COVID-19 on board.
- Vessels that have crew or passengers who have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days

PART 1

The following conditions are applicable for ALL ships calling at the Port of Dampier:

- Vessels will generally be considered for berthing on completion of the 14-day quarantine period since departing last international port, subject to no crew having fallen ill or showing COVID-19 symptoms during the 14-day period or prior berthing.
- Crew temperature records taken twice daily, for the last 14 days, must be maintained on board and made available to PPA when requested.
- The transit time from departing the last international port to berthing at Dampier will be considered as part of the 14-day quarantine period.
- Compliance with Appendix 1 to this Marine Notice - Requirements and considerations for all vessels prior to pilot boarding and during pilotage passage

PART 2

The following conditions are applicable for ships requesting to berth within the 14-day quarantine period since departure from last international port.

Pilbara Ports Authority will adopt a risk-based approach to evaluate on a case by case basis and facilitate the berthing with the following considerations:

- Details of the previous port calls and operations conducted – Cargo operations, crew changes, bunkering operations, nature of interaction with marine pilots and shore personnel, crew shore leave, use of PPE etc.
- Photographs are recommended to evidence precautions implemented at the previous port.
- All crew declared healthy with no display of COVID-19 symptoms. This will be evidenced by temperature records for all crew, taken twice daily for up to 48 hours prior to berthing.
- Masters must send an amended 'Human Health update' to Quarantine Authorities in case of any change to health status on board.
- PPA's preference will be to berth the vessel as close to the 14-day quarantine period as possible if the vessel is deemed acceptable after the risk assessment.
- Prior POB (berthing and unberthing), the Master must ensure strict adherence to the requirements given in Appendix 1 to this Marine Notice - Requirements and considerations for all vessels prior to pilot boarding and during pilotage passage
- COVID-19 vessel questionnaire to be submitted to PPA in adequate time prior to requested ETB along with all supporting documentation and information to facilitate this risk assessment process.

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- Woodside has its own COVID-19 Checklist and declaration for vessels calling their terminals

Notes:

- For non PPA berths, terminals are responsible for nominating the vessel and informing the PPA Dampier marine team in adequate time, if intending to berth the vessel within 14-days since departure from the last port.
- The shipping agent will subsequently follow up with all necessary paperwork and action steps.
- Berthing within the 14-day quarantine period is at the sole discretion of PPA – Dampier.
- PPA may revise the requirements of this marine notice without notice and as required in line with current guidelines.
- This notice is supplemented by three appendices:
 - 1) Requirements and considerations for all vessels prior to pilot boarding and during pilotage passage
 - 2) Port of Dampier Covid-19 vessel questionnaire (for PPA operated Berths)
 - 3) COVID-19 Vessel Assessment Process - Flowchart

Any questions or feedback regarding this Marine Safety Bulletin should be addressed to the Dampier Marine Operations Team.

Captain Mike Minogue
HARBOUR MASTER

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Requirements and considerations for all vessels prior to pilot boarding and during pilotage passage

Prior to the marine pilot boarding a vessel (berthing and unberthing), the master must ensure strict adherence to the requirements given in this Appendix to the Marine Notice

- All crew temperatures are to be recorded two (2) hours prior POB and health status to be reported to VTS via VHF. This is applicable for berthing and prior to unberthing.
- Up to two (2) hours prior to the marine pilot embarking the vessel, all surfaces that the marine pilot is likely to come in contact with during the pilotage passage, must be sanitised using hospital grade disinfectant solutions or equivalent that contain virucidal (virus killing) properties. Surfaces include:
 - Wheelhouse – Bridge front panel, bridge equipment, chart table, pilot use table, binoculars etc
 - All stairway hand rails, elevator, all door and door handles in passages that the pilot is likely to pass through from the main deck to the bridge (inside accommodation or external as applicable)
- So far as practicable, the ship's crew must comply with the 'social distancing' requirements and maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from the marine pilot and when in an enclosed area, there should be an average of 1 person for each 4m². When using the elevator, a crew member is to escort the marine pilot to the elevator while maintaining the required social distance. The marine pilot is to ride alone in the elevator and another crew member is to receive the pilot at the topmost deck. In the absence of an elevator, external access from the main deck to the bridge may be the preferred option.
- Bridge team to wear appropriate PPE at all times during the pilotage passage. Used PPE must be disposed in isolated bins. Non-essential personnel must refrain from entering the bridge during the pilotage passage. Essential personnel entering the Bridge during pilotage, must comply with the recommended hygiene and sanitary requirements.
- Crew interaction with the marine pilot and helicopter pilots (if required) must be kept to a minimum while maintaining the recommended social distance.
- Hand sanitiser should be readily available for use on the Bridge. Bridge toilets must be adequately equipped with liquid soap, warm water and paper towels.
- The Master should provide confirmation of the Date of Departure from the last port to the marine pilot.
- The marine pilot shall be available for temperature checks, if required by ship's procedures.

The above actions must be completed prior to pilot boarding for arrival and departure pilotage. Master to positively confirm understanding and compliance via the agent.

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The below guidelines are issued to provide clarity on sanitization measures to be carried out on vessels prior to pilot boarding at the Port of Port Hedland, and the social distancing practices to be observed by ship's crew. These steps are necessary to limit the spread of Covid-19




A. Ship's staff should prepare a sanitized Pilot area in the wheelhouse with hand-sanitizers and binoculars. Some sample photos are shown:



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<p>B. Bridge toilet should be properly equipped with soap, disposable paper towels and sanitizing wipes to minimise risk of transmission of germs. Please see the sample photos:</p>	 
<p>C. Ship's crew are encouraged to practice a NO-HANDSHAKE policy to limit the spread of Coronavirus</p>	<p>STAY SAFE!</p> 
<p>D. For vessels fitted with elevators, a marine pilot is to ride alone in the elevator and should not be accompanied by a crew member. This is necessary to satisfy the social distancing requirements.</p>	

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This form must be completed by vessel agent prior to any berth application being accepted for PPAs operated berths (**DCW and BLB**) within 14 days from departure of the last port.

SECTION 1 - VESSEL DETAILS			
Vessel Name		Call sign	
Ships Agency		Contact	
ETA Dampier			

Section 2 - previous ports			
List the last 4 port calls or all port calls within 14 days			
Port Name 1		Departure Date / Time	
Activity at port			
Port Name 2		Departure Date / Time	
Activity at port			
Port Name 3		Departure Date / Time	
Activity at port			
Port Name 4		Departure Date / Time	
Activity at port			

section 3 - other information		
	Yes	No
Was there any crew change within the last 14 days?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide details of country of origin and countries transited when joining the vessel		
Detail:		
Did any crew go ashore within the last 14 days?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detail:		
Did ships staff wear PPE (<i>i.e. gloves, face masks, safety glasses</i>) while at these port/s?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide details of interaction with shore staff at ports visited within the last 14 days		
Detail:		

Section 4 – Vessel Status		
	Yes	No
Has free pratique been granted? <i>If awaiting due time limits, please advise once received</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comment:		

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Are any crew members unwell, have a fever or are showing symptoms of Covid-19 (Coronavirus)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detail:		
Are body temperatures of all crew being recorded daily?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

section 5 – To be Completed by agents			
NOTE: Agents to forward the information to licenced stevedore and pilots and complete section 5 before forwarding to PPA.			
Stevedore Company		Have the Stevedores agreed to engage in cargo ops for this vessel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pilot Company		Has the pilot company agreed to pilot this vessel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments:			

section 6 – PPA Review		
PPA to complete this section as part of the review process for vessels calling DCW and BLB		
PPA decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Comments:		

1. PROCESS OWNER

The VTSC Manager is responsible for this External Document.

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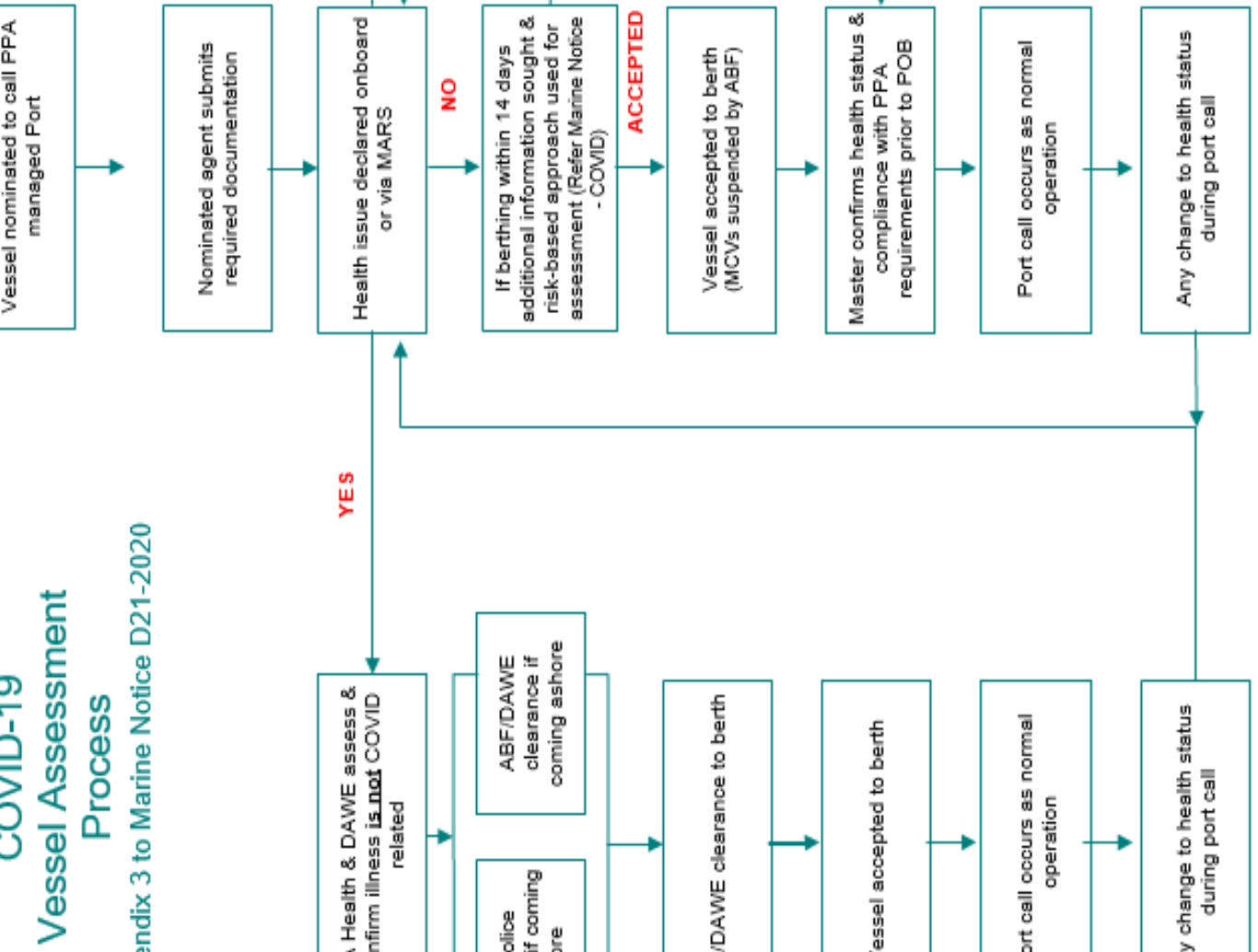
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COVID-19 Vessel Assessment Process

Appendix 3 to Marine Notice D21-2020



NOTES

- Urgent medical evacuations – RCC / RFDS remains lead agency
- Safe Manning requirements – Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- Responsibility for submission of relevant information to PPA lies with Terminal / Agent
- ABF – Australian Border Force
- DAWE – Department of Agriculture, Water & Environment (Quarantine)