

Situation in Portugal:

There is no national standard on procedures. Everything is decided locally...
Few ports are keeping a close track on record of ships and crews and sharing the info with the pilots.
The others leave this record check to the Health Authorities;
Vessels identified as "dangerous" (several levels) will have additional PPE for pilots. Close integration with the Port Doctor;
Port of Leixões and Azores have separate teams of pilot boats and crews;
In all ports, no visits to the pilot station in general (for pilots/others);
Setúbal is in contingency level 2, so everybody is using gloves and masks;
Other ports are following the standard from our Health Minister which is just frequent hand sanitation and keep a social distance (they insist a lot). The discussion on using masks also is a hot topic nowadays in Portugal;
Pilots have been refused to board a vessel because when not wearing gloves and masks. Access the bridge from outside the accommodation is also usual;
To avoid delays and constrains agents have been advised to inform the pilot station if the vessels have special requirements;
Standards onboard vessels usually are higher than ours;
Till now we only had "one suspicious" in Sines (remaining ports nothing). After quarantine and tests confirmed negative;
Maritime Administration hasn't created yet a standard and we are pushing a lot on this;
Regarding the traffic, Lisbon is decreasing due to stevedores strike and now cruise vessels that are forbidden to call;
Sines recovering compared with the beginning of the year and almost matched the number of vessels compared with last year. Also, Leixões and Aveiro are having better figures than last year.

Be safe!

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