



KEEPING YOU SAFE AT WORK: MARINE SECTOR HEALTH AND COVID-19

Canada's ports play a key role in the economy and international trade. The marine transportation sectors on the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic coasts are prepared for the heightened risk posed by COVID-19.

Here's how the marine community keeps you safe at work, while moving goods safely and efficiently through our ports:



SHIPPING LINES:

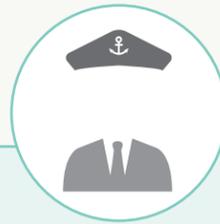
Even before entering Canadian waters, companies are taking precautions to keep crews and port workers safe. For example, crews are being screened prior to boarding, crew changes may no longer be occurring in high risk countries, and crews are doing extra onboard cleaning according to health guidelines from the International Marine Organization and the World Health Organization.



TRANSPORT CANADA:

All ships from foreign countries must report to Transport Canada 96-hours before entering Canadian waters. Once Transport Canada receives the report, they confirm the health status of the crew with the master. Reports are shared with the Public Health Agency of Canada for immediate action.

If needed, directions are given to the ship and to stakeholders like port operators and pilots. Transport Canada is also working with other government partners like the Canada Border Services Agency, the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.



MASTERS AND CREW:

Any time after the 96 hour pre-arrival information report, the ship must immediately report any changes to Transport Canada.



PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA:

If symptoms are reported, a Public Health Agency of Canada Quarantine Officer will speak to the master and crew, to assess symptoms and may require public health measures. For example, the crew may be asked to isolate themselves, wear a mask, or seek medical care.

The Public Health Agency of Canada will report back to Transport Canada.



PORT AUTHORITIES AND TERMINAL OPERATORS:

Operators and front line workers are equipped and trained in occupational health and safety procedures and follow guidelines from their workplace health and safety experts.

REMEMBER - Wash your hands. Avoid touching your face. Stay informed and confirm facts before sharing with others.

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