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Operators of Perth Harbour

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

Perth Harbour

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Maritime Declaration of Health

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, Health Protection Scotland and the Scottish Ports Liaison Network require that information be submitted to the Scottish Port Health Authority of the ports in the table below in the following cases irrespective of the vessel or whether it is arriving from a foreign port or another UK port:

- Any vessel that has visited another port in the past 14 days
- Any vessel that has had a crew change in the past 14 days
- Any vessel that has had a suspect/confirmed case in the past 14 days

The information we require is the same as that required in the current MDH and should therefore allow Port Authority to establish

- Any persons unwell during the voyage and/ or on arrival, and any sanitary measures taken in response to that illness
- Origin of the ship, when it left the origin port, and all ports where the vessel has docked during the 14 days prior to arrival.
- Any crew changes

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.

In addition to MDH submission to the Port Health Authority as above, prior to arrival in the port of call, the Vessel owner, Master or Agent **must confirm** to the Perth Harbour Manager that such submission has been made and declare any health concerns at the first opportunity. Failure to do so may result in a delay to pilot boarding and/or of permission to berth.

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

If the suspected case is not seriously ill you must notify the relevant NHS Health Protection Team on (See list overleaf). Contact details for the case must be provided with sufficient information to allow the Health Protection Team to determine follow up action. This will include symptoms, duration, contacts and travel history. DO NOT disembark the suspected case.

Further information can be found on the [Scottish Government](#), [Health Protection Scotland](#) and [World Health Organization](#) websites.

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

Ports / Terminals	Port Health Authority Contact Details	NHS Public Health (local Health Protection Team) Contact Details
Perth Harbour	Perth and Kinross Council, 01738 475000 (office hours) / Emergency out of hours number 07623514867 email: foodhealthsafety@pkc.gov.uk	NHS Tayside 01382 596 976/987 (office hours) healthprotectionteam.tayside@nhs.net 01382 660 111 Ninewells switchboard (emergency out of hours – ask for CPHM on call)

Radio Channel for Harbour Manager: VHF 09

Harbour Manager Telephone: +44(0)1738 624 056

Further Information:

Health Protection Scotland

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

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings/ Maritime section>

World Health Organization

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

Public Health England

https://mcusercontent.com/5bd14121853a19a64a8a47c66/files/d6cd1686-9dcc-40a6-a605-02bf40990e19/200421Covid_in_the_maritime_setting_QAs_V_2.pdf (NOTE: Health Protection Scotland note that this document, while not formally adopted, is useful for use in Scotland)

<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>

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