

# PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

**Date Issued:** 18 March 2020 (UPDATED) **Notice Number:** 03/2020

**Subject:** COVID-19 Sanitary Requirements Prior to Pilot Boarding

**Geographic Area:** Entire west coast of Canada

**Details:** We are requesting the industry's assistance in ensuring the ongoing safety of the ships' bridge crew and pilots by instituting a cleaning regime prior to the pilot boarding

### Guidelines:

- In the hour prior to pilot boarding, please wipe down the entire bridge with a 5% solution of bleach water or comparable disinfectant (chart table, instruments, chairs, helm, entire console, windows, etc.)
- If the vessel has an elevator, please wipe down the inside of it and ensure that the pilot rides the elevator to the bridge alone (the need for social distance is impossible with two people in a ship's elevator).
- If the vessel does not have an elevator or the elevator is broken, please wipe down the staircase handrails with disinfectant.
- Crew members entering the bridge should thoroughly wash their hands and face prior to entering the bridge and pilots immediately upon entering will do the same.
- The pilot and members of the bridge team must maintain a distance of at least 2 metres (6 feet) to ensure ongoing compliance with social distancing protocols and reduce risks of virus transmission.
- Any member of the bridge team, including the pilot, should sanitize their hands or wash them immediately after touching their face. Pilot should make this awareness a part of MPX.
- Please only allow the essential personnel, such as persons engaged in navigation of the vessel, in the wheelhouse while a pilot is onboard.
- Please refrain from eating on the bridge and ensure soap and paper towels are available in the bridge head for use by the pilot and crew.

If there are any queries, concerns or a wish to further discuss these issues please feel free to contact me at [oberkev@ppa.gc.ca](mailto:oberkev@ppa.gc.ca) or by telephone at 604-666-6771.

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