

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

1000 – 1130 West Pender Street
Vancouver, B.C
V6E 4A4



NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

Date Issued: 21 November 2020 **(revised 20 April 2022)** **Notice Number:** 10/2020

Subject: COVID-19 Notice #5, Reporting of Sick Persons Aboard Vessels

Geographic Area: Compulsory Pilotage Waters of British Columbia including the Fraser River

Communication: This notice cancels PPA COVID Notice #4 – Notice to Industry 09/2020

Application: This notice applies to all vessels that intend to employ the services of a marine pilot for inbound, outbound and shifting assignments.

Details:

Prior to a pilot boarding any ship, the master must report any sick persons aboard, especially if there are any infectious disease health concerns. The reporting requirements are as follows:

- **Cruise vessels:** please refer to Transport Canada's [Ship Safety Bulletin No. 18/2021](#) (Measures to Support Safe Cruise Travel in Canada) as modified April 1, 2022 and please ensure that you have completed the [Maritime Declaration of Health](#) from the Public Health Agency of Canada
- **All other vessels:** please inform the *Marine Security Operation Centre West, Transport Canada* (MSOC West TC) at +1 (250) 363-4850 or marsecw@tc.gc.ca of any health issue onboard.

On receipt of the masters' reports, the relevant Canadian authorities will meet to discuss next steps for the vessels. Should the relevant authorities have any health concerns, the master will be provided with appropriate direction. Should the relevant authorities have no health concerns, the pilot will board the vessel at the pilot-order time.

Prior to, or soon after boarding a vessel, should a pilot be informed that there is a sick person onboard for which no prior notice was given, the pilot will immediately depart from the vessel.

Please contact PPA at marineops@ppa.gc.ca for any queries or clarifications.

Brian Young
Director, Pilotage and Industry Liaison