

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – Updated VESSEL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS and GUIDANCE FOR PILOTAGE**

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Mariners, Port Users and Vessel Operators/Agents are advised of the following updated notification requirements for vessels arriving at Lowestoft:

Vessels arriving from any port are now required to submit a completed Maritime Declaration of Health **only** if there is a confirmed or suspected case of Covid 19 on board, or other disease which is likely to be highly transmissible or contagious (a positive declaration). Declarations must be submitted to Lowestoft Port Control – [lowestoftportcontrol@abports.co.uk](mailto:lowestoftportcontrol@abports.co.uk) between 12 and 24hrs before the vessel's anticipated arrival. A blank Maritime Declaration of Health can be provided by Lowestoft Port Control.

Similarly, for any operations involving the transfer of personnel to or from vessels off the port of Lowestoft, e.g. for STS operations, the vessel Master will need to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health to Port Control if it is a 'positive' declaration.

If a ship is clear of Covid -19 then normal pilotage operations can be conducted as follows:

ABP continues to take precautions to ensure that Pilots are healthy before they board your vessel and it is expected that ships take suitable precautions to ensure the health of ABP Pilots whilst they are on board your vessel. Mitigation measures on board to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 should include:

- Cleaning of bridge and other equipment that the pilot would normally contact or use (VHF Radio handsets, chart tables, radar etc).
- Keeping a reasonable distance where possible (2metres).
- Regular hand washing and avoidance of touching the face.
- Catching any coughs and sneezes with a tissue which is then disposed of.
- Bridge team to be limited to essential crew members for the duration of the pilotage

Wearing of face masks by pilots is no longer mandatory, but pilots will carry face masks and wear them if required to do so by the vessel Master.

If a ship declares that Covid-19 is onboard, or suspected to be on board (verbally or via a positive Maritime Declaration of Health), then the Port will liaise with the vessel Master and Port Health to agree any additional requirements, or mitigation measures, for the vessel to be brought into port, so that risk of virus transmission can be minimised – during the inward passage, and while alongside.

This Notice replaces NTM No.17 – 2020 which is hereby cancelled.

Please contact Lowestoft Port Control, VHF Ch14, Tel. 01502 572286 (Option 3), if further information is required.

**Divisional Harbour Master East Anglia**

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**Notice to Mariners Currently in Force:**

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