

COVID-19 Vessels calling the Port of Dampier

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Details:	COVID-19 – Vessels calling the Port of Dampier
Former Notice:	Supersedes D21/2020, D14/2021 and D02/2022
Charts & Publications:	Not Applicable
Further Notice:	Nil
Attachments:	1 Appendix

General Information:

PPA Port of Dampier remains guided by the Australian Border Force, Australian Government Department of Health, Wapol, and Wa Health in relation to establishing required protocols to manage the COVID-19 issue during port operations.

Key Objectives:

- Outline the current requirements for vessels calling the Port of Dampier.

Vessels affected by this Notice

- All commercial Vessels arriving to the port of Dampier.

VESSELS CALLING THE TDSB, KBSB, FDTS, DCW, or BLB.

- The master of a vessel is required to report to the Port authority any case of a suspected or active case of COVID-19 onboard at least 48 hrs prior to arrival or at any time thereafter. This notification is to be provided at the email address: dampier.vts@pilbaraports.com.au under the subject heading Vessel Name/Crew Health.
- Clearance to berth or any controls imposed will be undertaken basis the assessment of this report.

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Mariners and other port users are requested to notify the Harbour Master on the discovery of new dangers or suspected dangers to navigation within the Port.

Notes:

- Woodside, Rio Tinto, and Dampier Salt Terminals may have their own COVID-19 Checklist, declarations & requirements for vessels calling their terminals
- PPA may revise the requirements of this marine notice as required in line with current guidelines.
- This Notice is supplemented by one appendix:
 - 1) Requirements for all vessels prior to pilot boarding and during pilotage passage

Remarks:

Maritime Crew Member Directions (No:10) have been revoked under **Covid transition (consequential revocations) directions (no 3)** of the EM Act 2005 (WA)

Below links for information and guidance.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-information-employees-prepare-covid-19-work>

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-19-coronavirus-what-do-if-you-have-covid-19-or-are-close-contact>



Mike Minogue
Harbour Master (Port of Dampier)

Requirements for all vessels prior to pilot boarding and during pilotage passage

Prior to the marine pilot boarding a vessel (berthing and unberthing), the master must ensure strict adherence to the requirements given in this appendix to the Marine Notice.

- Up to two (2) hours prior to the marine pilot embarking the vessel, all surfaces that the marine pilot is likely to come in contact with during the pilotage passage must be sanitised using hospital-grade disinfectant solutions or equivalent that contain virucidal (virus-killing) properties. Surfaces include:
 - Wheelhouse – Bridge front panel, bridge equipment, chart table, pilot use table, binoculars etc
 - All stairway handrails, elevator, and all door and door handles in passages that the pilot is likely to pass through from the main deck to the bridge (inside accommodation or external as applicable)
- So far as practicable, the ship's crew must comply with the 'social distancing' requirements and maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from the marine pilot and when in an enclosed area, there should be an average of 1 person for each 4m².
- Bridge team to wear appropriate PPE at all times during the pilotage passage. Used PPE must be disposed of in isolated bins. Non-essential personnel must refrain from entering the bridge during the pilotage passage. Essential personnel entering the bridge during pilotage must comply with the recommended hygiene and sanitary requirements.
- Crew interaction with the marine pilot and helicopter pilots (if required) must be kept to a minimum while maintaining the recommended social distance.
- Hand sanitiser should be readily available for use on the bridge. Bridge toilets must be adequately equipped with liquid soap, warm water and paper towels.
- The master should provide confirmation of the date of departure from the last port to the marine pilot.
- The marine pilot shall be available for temperature checks if required by the ship's procedures.

The above actions must be completed prior to pilot boarding for arrival and departure pilotage. Master to positively confirm understanding and compliance via the agent.

If a marine pilot observes noncompliance by the vessel with the above requirements, the below are the actions that will be taken:

- Photographic evidence of the alleged noncompliance
- Harbour Master will be informed of the alleged noncompliance
- The vessel will not be allowed to berth until the noncompliance has been rectified

The below requirements are issued to provide clarity on sanitisation measures to be carried out on vessels prior to pilot boarding at the Port of Dampier and the social distancing practices to be observed by the ship's crew. These steps are necessary to limit the spread of COVID - 19.

1. Ship's staff must prepare a sanitised Pilot area in the wheelhouse with hand-sanitisers and binoculars for Pilots use.



2. Bridge toilet must be properly equipped with soap, disposable paper towels and sanitising wipes to minimise risk of transmission of germs.



3. All touch points on the bridge and handrails on the stairways leading to the bridge must be wiped clean and sanitised.
4. The ship's Master, Officers and crew who escort the pilot to/from the bridge and remain with the pilot on the bridge, are required to always have a face mask on and must always follow social distancing measures.
5. The ship's crew are encouraged to practice a NO - HANDSHAKE policy to limit the spread of Coronavirus.



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