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**CSI Client Advisory 07-2020**

**SUBJECT: COVID-19 – Onboard Practices**

During a recent Port State Control (PSC) exam, we observed attending inspectors not wearing personal protection equipment (PPE) to prevent the transfer of COVID-19, even though the attending officials were carrying the proper equipment in their personal effects. In one case, we reminded the Captain about the measures that we recommend should be followed, after which, he requested compliance and the attending officials obliged. Most were wearing work gloves during the exam, but not all the time. Oftentimes, when we attend vessels, we find crewmembers reluctant to request a government official, surveyors and stevedores to follow certain procedures in fear of hampering the outcome of the visit or operation. However, it is imperative that crewmembers understand that allowing visitors aboard without enforcing the COVID-19 recommendations places the entire crew and ship's operations in jeopardy should an infected visitor spread the virus.

We strongly encourage your crewmembers to reinforce established precautions as recommended by the U.S. [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov) and [IMO](https://www.imo.org) to help combat this invisible enemy. To help in the endeavor, vessels should consider placing a clearly-marked and easy to see notice near the access point which identifies the safety precautions to be followed.

A few recommendations to consider in developing COVID-19 Prevention Visitor Plan:

All visitors...

- 1) As much as possible, remain at least two meters from each other.
- 2) Utilize a face mask and gloves while inside the accommodation.
- 3) Submit to having body temperature checked by the watch stander upon boarding
- 4) Must not travel away from designated areas

The U.S. CDC has established good housekeeping recommendations that you may find useful. This can be viewed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html>. For the safety and wellbeing of the crew onboard, we recommend...

- 1) All crewmembers clean their cabins with a bleach solution (or other acceptable cleaning agent)
- 2) Regularly wipe down with a bleach solution (or other acceptable cleaning agent) hand/ladder railings, doorknobs, face masks and other equipment that is regularly touched and shared with other crewmembers.
- 3) All crewmembers regularly wash their hands



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- 4) Report to the Chief Officer or Captain any visitor who is not following the established COVID-19 guidelines or company procedures.

If you are not able to download any of the information from the CDC website, or you have a specific question pertaining to the safety, security or the environment aboard any of your vessels, please contact us.

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