



## TasPorts – COVID-19 Information for Shipping Agents and Vessels

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As countries across the world continue to be challenged with COVID pandemic, TasPorts is continuing to take measures to address the challenges of the current COVID-19 pandemic environment. We believe that we all have a shared responsibility to take action in response to the virus with our primary focus being the wellbeing of people. TasPorts will continue to assess these measures and communicate changes as arise.

In order to achieve the best outcome for all, we ask that all vessels calling into Tasmanian ports adhere to the requirements outlined in this document.

### 14 DAY EXCLUSION PERIOD

All international vessels must not enter any Tasmanian Port limits until 14 days have elapsed from the time the vessel has departed its last international port.

The 14 day requirement also applies where international crew have travelled to Australia and joined the vessel without first completing 14 days quarantine in a government facility upon arrival in Australia prior to joining the vessel.

### CREW DISEMBARKATION

All crew from international vessels arriving in Tasmania are required to remain on-board when in port regardless of the time since last departing a country outside of Australia or arriving from another state within Australia.

Should a crew member be required to disembark for essential vessel duties alongside, then they may do so but are required to practice good hand hygiene, wear protective gear and minimise their contact with port staff. At minimum, protective gear should include a face mask, glasses and gloves.

### MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Where crew are required to disembark the vessel due to a medical emergency, approvals must be sought with the state, and have undergone the clearances of Biosecurity and ABF as applicable. Crew members disembarking the vessel must do so under conditions and directions issued by the state. These may include requirement to be transported in a COVID controlled ambulance.

Requests for crew to leave the vessel for emergency reasons must be submitted to TasPorts Security at [Security@tasports.com.au](mailto:Security@tasports.com.au)

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## **CREW CHANGEOVERS**

### **Signing On Crew**

TasPorts requires all crew arriving from international destinations by either sea or air to complete 14 days quarantine in a Government Quarantine facility in the State in which they arrived, prior to transiting to the state of Tasmania.

### **Signing Off Crew**

Where crew arriving on international vessels into a Tasmanian Port, regardless of the time of transit to Tasmania, intend to sign off the vessel, they must comply with the requirements of the Tasmanian State Government. These may include:

- Mandated COVID Testing of all crew prior to the signing off crew being authorised off the vessel
- Transported off the vessel by a vehicle arranged by the Government
- Crew going directly from the vessel to a Government quarantine facility and completing 14 days quarantine prior to travelling to their normal country of residence.

## **14 DAY VESSEL EXEMPTIONS**

Where vessels originate from New Zealand or Pacific Region with short transit times to Tasmania, which may result in long anchorage to meet the 14 day time frame, TasPorts will assess these vessels on a case by case basis and make a determination if an exemption will be applied to enable them to enter within the 14 days. TasPorts will also provide instructions to the vessel on any additional control requirements associated with the exemption.

In this instance and exemption is applied, the conditions of crew remaining onboard the vessel whilst in port, other than to perform essential duties alongside, still apply.

## **DOMESTIC VESSELS**

Domestic vessels arriving from interstate, where the vessel has come from a location which is under COVID lockdown or deemed a high risk, may be denied entry into Tasmania. Each vessel will be assessed based on the information submitted on the COVID Vessel Form.

All crew must comply with any directions provided to them by TasPorts in relation to COVID practices, this includes intended crew change overs. COVID hygiene PPE must be worn by all crew when disembarking the vessel either for essential duties alongside, or where crew are signing off or on.

## PILOT BOARDING REQUIREMENTS

When a TasPorts Pilot is on board any international vessel, we request the following:

- The bridge surfaces are to be cleaned/disinfected prior to pilot boarding.
- There are to be no non-essential personnel to be on the bridge when Pilot is on board.
- No one to be permitted on bridge with any cold/flu symptoms.
- Where practicable, maintain at least 1.5m distance with the Pilot.
- Do not share pens with TasPorts Pilots.
- Do not offer food or beverages to TasPorts Pilots.

For the safety of personnel on vessels, TasPorts Pilots will be employing increased hygiene practices as well as wearing disposable gloves, using single use pens, sanitising all equipment before and after Pilotage jobs as well as providing their own food and beverages.

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