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COVID-19 Best Practices for the Calhoun Port Authority

How to identify COVID-19?

- The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure:
 - Fever, cough, shortness of breath
- The following emergency warning signs for COVID-19 require medical attention immediately.
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion or inability to arouse; bluish lips or face
- More information can be found on the CDC website : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

How are government and public agencies ensuring your safety at the Calhoun Port Authority?

- The Port Authority is currently operating normally under a United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved facility plan that contains contingency plans for a number of extreme situations.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC), USCG and the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) are working jointly to manage the effects of COVID-19 in our maritime community.
- Coast Guard and CBP screen crews, last port of call, and the travel origin of crew members that boarded during transit.
- If crew members have visited Level 3 restricted countries within the 14 days preceding arrival to the port, that vessel may be detained offshore for quarantine. Keep in mind that many transits last longer than 14 days, so a vessel may have essentially been under self-quarantine before its arrival.
- Ships entering a US port are required to disclose any death or illness among passengers or crew to the CDC. Quarantinable diseases like COVID-19 are included.
- CBP Agents have the discretion to detain crew on board.
- Ships must submit notice of arrival 96 hours prior to arriving to port to the Coast Guard and must disclose if any crew members are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and have either traveled to a country on the CDC's Level 3 precaution list within 14 days of the onset of symptoms or have had close contact with a person under investigation for COVID-19 while that person was ill.
- If Coast Guard receives the notice of possible COVID-19 cases, they will reach out to the local CDC Quarantine Station for the next steps. This will be handled case-by-case, but it could include quarantining the vessel offshore, making arrangements to remove the ill crewmember while the vessel is offshore, or allowing the vessel to come into dock and removing the ill crew member by ground transportation.
- Coast Guard will also notify CBP, which will take appropriate actions on a case-by-case basis, with consideration for the probability of additional exposure to contagions. This could include detaining the crew on board or denying the lading/unlading permit.



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- Coast Guard will notify the agent if there is a Captain of the Port (COTP) order, and will specifically note if it is for COVID-19. The agent is expected to communicate this information to the terminal and other relevant parties.
- If a crew member is having symptoms of COVID-19 but it has not been reported, inform CDC and Sector Corpus Christi immediately. If the vessel is at dock and it is not isolated, then isolate it (i.e. pull up the gangway).

How can you help minimize the spread of COVID-19?

- Follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations on personal hygiene. This includes:
 - Wash hands with soap for at least 20 seconds
 - If hand washing is not available, use 70% or greater alcohol-based hand sanitizer-rubbing thoroughly over hands until dry (about 20 seconds). Note: hand sanitizer is only effective if your hands are not visibly soiled/dirty.
 - Avoid touching your face. Wash hands immediately after touching your face.
 - Cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue or into your sleeve – never your hands.
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet (2 meters) but no less than 3 feet (1 meter) between individuals. Do not engage in handshakes or other physical forms of greetings.
- Avoid high-touch surfaces, such as door handles, elevator buttons, sink faucets, etc. Use your elbow or foot if possible. If you must use your hand, use a disposable paper towel or tissue and sanitize your hands immediately after.

We will continue to closely monitor this matter and offer our support to our local, state and federal partners in the effort to protect the health and well-being of our community.