

# SHANNON FOYNES PORT COMPANY

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

### NOTICE NO. 1 OF 2021

#### Reporting procedures related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This notice should be read in conjunction with:

- DTTAS [Marine Notice No. 6 of 2020](#)
- HSE Guidance: [www.hspc.ie](http://www.hspc.ie) and [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)
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#### **FOR THE SPECIFIC ATTENTION OF ALL VESSEL MASTERS AND AGENTS**

Following the issuance of Marine Notice Number 06 of 2020 and dialogue with the HSE concerning Corona Virus / COVID 19, please ensure that:

All vessels / agents attach a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDoH) to SafeSeas Ireland (SSI) for vessels arriving in the Shannon Estuary.

Furthermore, the MDoH should in addition be forwarded to the below email. This will be required until further notice.

- **HSE – Mid – West Port Health      [andrew.curtin@hse.ie](mailto:andrew.curtin@hse.ie)**

Prior to arrival and on initial VHF contact with *Shannon Pilots*, each vessel shall confirm verbally that the MDoH has been submitted as required. Should it transpire that the MDOH has not been submitted prior to arrival, the vessel will be directed to an anchorage until the MDOH is submitted and reviewed. In addition, vessels at anchor for a period will submit an updated MDoH no sooner than 4 hours and no later than 24 hours prior to berthing.

#### **PORT AGENTS:**

In order to avoid delays, please ensure the above is highlighted to all vessels for whom you have been engaged.

#### **MASTERS:**

Please refer to the following for information

- [IMO Circular letter 4204](#)
- [EU healthy gateways - also issued to vessel operators and owners](#)

**Further as an additional courtesy to our Pilots when onboard:**

1. The team meeting the Pilot will not attempt to have physical contact with the Pilot – e.g. no hand shaking etc. All parties shall thoroughly wash their hands with hot running water, working up a lather for 20 seconds or use a hand sanitiser prior to meeting and again on departure.
2. The bridge team and the Pilot will respect each other's personal space as practical during the pilotage transit. A recommended distance between personnel of 2 metre space is advised.
3. Bridge surfaces, navigation equipment, VHF radios, be cleaned with an appropriate disinfectant prior to the vessel arrival at the pilot boarding station.
4. The bridge is to be effectively ventilated with a door / bridge window open, or if none are present the air conditioning will be sourced from outside air.

## CRUISE VESSELS

1. Local tourism ambassadors will not board the vessel until further notice. Tourism information will be emailed to the vessel directly.
2. All vessels should have an adequate supply of hand sanitation wash for passengers and crew at the disembarkation gangways, internally and externally.
3. All vessels will display the appropriate information relating to COVID-19 in public areas for passengers and crew.
4. Passengers should disembark promptly and proceed to the excursion busses or other transport, please do not linger at the gangway area.
5. The cruise line should notify all official tour operators to ensure all busses are sanitized prior to passengers boarding for day trips.
6. No unnecessary ship visits are to be scheduled during the port stay. Visitors will be stopped by Port Security until the ship has verified the visit is essential.
7. Large groups of shore visitors going onboard shall be prohibited (i.e. Travel Agents, Schools visits etc)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Further information is available via Marine Operations (069 – 73103) or the Duty Harbour Master (087 – 2542266).

### Port Health

- Email: [andrew.curtin@hse.ie](mailto:andrew.curtin@hse.ie)
- Phone: +353 61 461502 (office hours).
- Phone after office hours: 087 6679515.

Thank you for your co-operation. As this is a rapidly changing situation we will provide updates as necessary.

### **BY ORDER,**

Hugh Conlon  
Harbour Master  
Shannon Foynes Port Company  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2021