

SHANNON FOYNES PORT COMPANY

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NOTICE NO. 3A OF 2020

TO ALL MASTERS, AGENTS, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIP OWNERS

Update on Crew Shore Leave

Reporting procedures related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This notice should be read in conjunction with:

- DTTAS [Marine Notice No. 6 \(as Amended\) of 2020](#)
- HSE Guidance: www.hspsc.ie and www.hse.ie

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**

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 later than 4 hours and no more than 24 hours prior to berthing (i.e. **submit between 4 and 24 hours before 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](#)

All crew allowed to come ashore must restrict their movements and must adhere to the current HSE COVID 19 guidelines especially around social distancing, wearing of face masks, cough etiquette, hand hygiene etc.

The following HSE links provide current guidelines posters in relation to these precautions.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources/stay-safe-protect.pdf>

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources/hse-face-covering-guidelines-poster-high-resolution.pdf>

This information must be provided by the shipping agents to the Master of the vessel. Masters shall take full responsibility of their crew while on shore leave, etc.

The link below provides advice on restricted movement which may be of benefit to agents and Masters:

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/if-you-live-with-someone-who-has-coronavirus.html#restrict>

At present crew changes are allowed subject to approval from HSE. All crew changes through Facilities in the Shannon Estuary will be notified in advance to HSE who will approve on a case by case basis.

BY ORDER,

Hugh Conlon
Harbour Master
Shannon Foynes Port Company
1st January 2021