



## **NOTICE TO INDUSTRY**

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### **Subject: Sanitation and Protection Procedures for COVID-19**

As a follow up to NTI 09 /2020 and NSN 2020-003, all vessels requiring a Pilot are requested by the Authority to implement the following sanitation and protection procedures for all Atlantic region pilotage districts.

Masters and/or agents are to confirm to APA dispatch at the time of booking a pilot if there are any crew members onboard with flu-like symptoms and that the below sanitation and protection measures are in place.

These measures are to help mitigate reduction of services due to illness and stop or slow the spread of COVID-19 within the marine industry.

### **Sanitation Procedures**

- Ensure all spaces the Pilot will encounter are clean and hygienic
- Ensure surfaces are wiped with disinfectant and sanitized prior to the Pilot boarding. Surfaces included but not limited to:  
Hallways, handrails, elevators and tables with specific attention given to the bridge area of the vessel and any equipment the Pilot may use such as radios, keyboards and RADARs.

### **Protection Procedures**

- When requesting a Pilot through APA Dispatch any individuals with flu-like symptoms onboard must be reported at that time by the Master or Agent of the vessel. This ensures APA Pilots are advised of the potential hazard in a timely manner and any additional precautions can be taken prior to boarding the vessel.
- Promote regular and thorough hand washing by crew members prior to a Pilot boarding.
- Ensure that Pilots have access to places where they can wash their hands with soap and water
- Hand sanitizer is to be made available to the Pilot in prominent places throughout the vessel.
- Whenever possible maintain a distance of at least 1 meter between the Pilot and crew members to limit the transmission of the virus.
- Any crew member with flu-like symptoms is not to be in the presence of the Pilot.



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Until Health Canada declares this matter to no longer be an imminent concern, this protocol will remain in place and we ask our stakeholders for your cooperation to ensure the health and safety of our personnel and the greater community. A notice will be posted when the temporary protocol is no longer required.

#### Additional Information

Transport Canada Marine Security:

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesecurity/operations-bulletins-menu-69.htm>

Government of Canada Public Health:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

World Health Organization:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Thank you for your assistance and understanding. If there are any questions or concerns with the contents of this Notice, please contact the Operations Department of the APA at [operations@atlanticpilotage.com](mailto:operations@atlanticpilotage.com).