



HOUSTON PILOTS  
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### Coronavirus Risk Mitigation Measures

To All Ship Captains:

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, I would like to assure you that Houston Pilots remain vigilant and continue to take measures to ensure we are healthy and free of any illness before we board your vessel. Such measures include, among other things, regular deep cleans onboard our Pilot boats, limiting contact between Pilots on the Pilot boats, and compliance with any local restrictions that limit travel.

In order to mitigate the threat of transmission of the virus, we request that the following measures be taken prior to the Pilot boarding and while the Pilot is on the bridge:

- Wipe down all high touch areas of the bridge with a disinfectant (radars, pilot chair and piloting station, door handles, etc.).
- Limit personnel on the bridge to only those that are essential.
- As much as possible, maintain cool and dry conditions on the bridge.
- Unless requested otherwise, escort the Pilot to the bridge by way of exterior ladders.
- Request that personnel on the bridge regularly sanitize their hands; Pilots will do the same.
- Practice social distancing which includes no handshaking and maintaining at least 2 meter distance from the Pilot.
- Provide hand soap and/or hand sanitizer with paper towels for bridge personnel and Pilot use.
- Follow U.S. Coast Guard instructions on reporting crew members that are ill.

These precautions will ensure the safety of Pilots and the ship's crew by preventing the spread of the virus from crew to pilot and pilot to crew. In addition, Pilots will endeavor to comply with any reasonable company specific prevention measure, so long as it does not interfere with navigation safety. In the name of privacy, individual Pilots will not be providing any sensitive health information to the ship's agent or crew. Please note that requests for Pilot vaccination status or covid test results may negatively impact a vessel's arrival or sailing schedule.

If you have an ill crewmember onboard, please make all required notifications to the Coast Guard and Houston Pilot Dispatch as soon as possible. In this case, our Dispatch will request that a covid risk mitigation plan be submitted for review and comment. With a well thought out covid risk mitigation plan in place, Houston Pilots will make every effort to move your vessel.

Thank you for your assistance,

Captain Robert Thompson  
Presiding Officer, Houston Pilots