



#### Tightening of policy on reporting health situation, 21-4-2021

As previously communicated (see also the announcement - Tightening policy for accommodating crews ashore, 26.3.2021), we are seeing an increase in infections on board inbound vessels but recently also on moored vessels.

For inbound vessels, we are informed by means of the Maritime Declaration of Health (MDOH) and moored vessels must inform the Harbour Coordination Center in writing in case of a change in the health situation (infections on board). This is to prevent people who need to be on board, such as terminal staff, service providers and other visitors, from becoming infected.

In order to guarantee the continuity of shipping traffic in the port, we hereby also urgently advise that on ships where COVID-19 contamination has occurred, the bridge personnel be quickly tested by a certified company before the vessel is piloted for a departure or warping movement. The captain must be able to demonstrate that the bridge crew has been tested negative. This is a condition for piloting\*. We also kindly ask you to share the result of this quick test with the HCC via the e-mail address: [phar@portofrotterdam.com](mailto:phar@portofrotterdam.com). A statement to the effect that the bridge crew have a negative test result suffices.

There are several companies that can perform these quick tests. The Harbour Master's Division knows a number of certified companies, but you do not need to call in these companies specifically for the quick test. These companies are: Port Health Centre, Corporate Travel Clinic EMC and Medimare.

If you want to move crew members who tested positive to a hotel or another location, you must inform the Harbour Coordination Center thereof in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation!