



HOUSTON PILOTS
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Coronavirus (covid-19) Prevention Measures

To All Ship Captains:

The threat posed by the coronavirus is a serious concern for everyone. We want to assure you that Houston Pilots are taking appropriate 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, daily temperature monitoring for on watch boat crews, and compliance with local restrictions that limit travel aside from necessary visits to the grocery store or pharmacy.

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.
- 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.
- Crewmembers and Pilot should avoid touching their faces.
- 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.

Thank you for your assistance,

Captain Robert Thompson
Presiding Officer, Houston Pilots