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COVID-19 - Guidance for the Global Shipping Industry

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has issued a [new guidance](#) for the global shipping industry to help combat the spread of the virus. The comprehensive 22-page document has been produced in collaboration with prominent international bodies including:

- The World Health Organization (WHO)
- The International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- The International Maritime Health Association (IMHA)

Among a raft of measures highlighted in the guidance the document contains advice on:

- managing port entry restrictions
- practical protective measures against COVID-19 for seafarers
- guidance on development of an Outbreak Management Plan
- information on port entry restrictions, pre-boarding screening
- education and what to do in suspected cases of infection
- advice on hygiene measures for seafarers on ships
- managing high risk exposure and case handling
- isolation and cleaning
- disinfection and waste management.

The guidance also comes with posters which can be printed out and placed onboard ships as well as a sample pre-boarding passenger locator form and a WHO COVID-19 Support and Logistics Supplies List.

More information is available on the [ICS website](#).

Members may contact their club contact in case they need any assistance.

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