

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) TO HANDLE
CORONAVIRUS UNDER THE CONTROL OF PORTOFFICER
MACHILIPATNAM**

The following SOP shall be in place with immediate effect for all cruise/cargo vessels arriving at Krishnapatnam Port

1. CARGO VESSELS :

- (i) Vessel Agent / Master of foreign vessels coming from countries affected by 2019-CoV (Corona Virus) of China shall inform Harbour Master (HM)/Port Health Officer (PHO) through email about crews suspected of Coronavirus Infection with details like Name, Nationality, Age, Sex, Symptoms, history of previous visit.
- (ii) If no sick person is reported by the Vessel agent / Master of Vessel, Harbour Master (HM) shall allow Pratique to the vessel.
- (iii) Shipping Agent/Master of the Vessel shall also submit a declaration to the Port authority and PHO regarding the suspected sickness, if any, of the crew or passenger.
- (iv) PHO to scrutinize the list and will board the vessel before other agencies, if suspected sickness is declared by Shipping Agent or Master of the Vessel.
- (v) If suspected sickness is reported, such passengers shall not be allowed to land on the shore i.e. no shore permits will be issued and CMO, PHO shall be informed.
- (vi) On getting above information, CMO shall arrange to shift the sick person to isolation facility in dedicated Hospital, in a dedicated ambulance with staff wearing PPEs.

- (vii) Pilot will board the vessel with PPEs, on all vessels originating from China or South-east Asia and also if any symptomatic patient is reputed on the board.
- (viii) Incase of any suspected sickness of crew/s, if confirmed by PHO, such crew members shall be referred to pre dedicated Hospital and follow the health department guidelines.
- (ix) For crew members, who have visited China in the last one month, no shore excursions will be allowed.
- (x) For all vessels coming from china, with Chinese crew, no shore permit shall be issued to the crew.
- (xi) For vessels coming from China, with Non-Chinese crew, such crew to be screened for symptom and shore permit to be issued to crew members, who does not have any symptoms of sickness.

2. CRUISE VESSELS :

- (i) Shipping Agent/Master of Vessels to submit all documents related to crew and passengers regarding their travel to/from the affected country (China) and other south-east Asian countries.
- (ii) The information shall be provided for each vessel and should be as per guidelines of Ministry of Health issued from time to time.
- (iii) For the Passengers visited China in the last one (1) month, shore excursion will not be allowed.