

COVID 19 & Its Impact on Sea Crew

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INTRODUCTION

The maritime industry is responsible for the transport of about 90% of the world's trade



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The industry has striven to maintain supply chains and the delivery of essential cargoes, including food and medical supplies, during the current pandemic.

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Fraternity has faced many challenges, and these have been met by an **unprecedented** level of international, cross industry collaboration.

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- Crew changes
 - Contract extension
 - Reduced possibilities for shore leave
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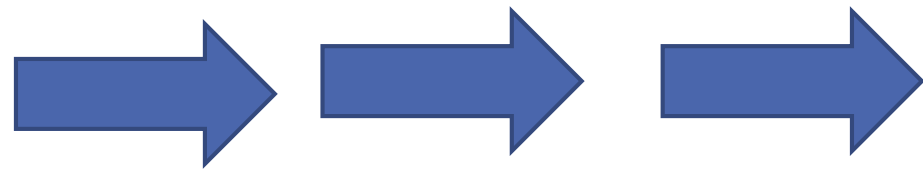
- Management of an active case on board
 - Physical distancing / reduce the spread of the disease on a ship
 - Pre-employment medical examination
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- Interaction with shore staff
 - Medical and welfare services at port
 - Mental health issues in seafarers
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HISTORY

- First reported in Wuhan, China end of 2019
- COVID-19, caused by the SARS-CoV-2
- Virus was declared a pandemic by World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020
- Spreads by direct or indirect contact with droplets from an infected person.



Resulted in

LOCKDOWN

MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 ON BOARD

- Symptoms reported to medical officer
 - Isolated in their own cabin
 - Early recognition and close monitoring is key to its successful management
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MANAGEMENT OF CLOSE CONTACT ON BOARD

- Operations: severely impaired
 - Ship: unable to function
 - Self monitor and Report
 - Daily temperature screening, wearing mask
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SUPPLY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

INTERACTION WITH SHORE BASED STAFF

CREW CHANGES

- Seafarers travel
 - Restrictions and quarantine requirements in the country
 - Quarantine and testing reequipments
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TESTING

- Policies and availability of tests
 - 14 days quarantine at embarkation
 - Testing only form a small part of the overall risk:
 - Cannot be used to exclude all risk
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EXTERNAL MEDICAL CARE

- Ships refused entry to port
 - Seafarer refused to disembark for medical care
 - Commenced remote consultations, medication and prescriptions
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Mental Health

Mental health of seafarers has been of concern for some time and the current pandemic has highlighted it further.

Questions/Discussion

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