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Notice to Vessels entering Port of Lyttelton: COVID-19 Update

The Government has issued a new COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) Order, effective from 11:59pm Sunday September 6, 2020. This order includes updates on border control at the maritime border.

Increased border controls: It is critically important that we all work together to protect New Zealanders from COVID-19 and play our part in the global effort to contain it. Effective immediately, the following border controls are now in place:

- The master of any vessel must give at least 168 hours' notice before the ship arrives in New Zealand. Please use the NZCS 344 New Zealand border agencies Advance Notice of Arrival Form.
- Crew who arrive in New Zealand on board a ship must remain in isolation or quarantine for at least 14 days on board that ship.
- Crew are permitted to disembark a ship on which they have arrived in New Zealand (for example, for shore leave) only if authorised to do so by a Medical Officer of Health or a Health Protection Officer. Authorisation is not required if the crew are undertaking an essential task on or immediately adjacent to, that ship.
- Crew can be authorised to disembark only after remaining in isolation for 14 days and undergoing testing and medical examination for COVID-19 with a negative result.
- Crew may disembark for medical reasons provided they obtain approval from a Medical Officer of Health or Health Protection Officer
- If the Master of the Vessel or the Shipping Agent believes the vessel crew qualifies for disembarkation to enter New Zealand or wishes to find out more information, contact the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) 24-hour email: CPHOnCall@cdhb.health.nz
- **All inbound vessels are still required to complete an updated LPC Advance Notice Form and return it to LPC's Marine Pilots and CDHB a minimum of 12 hours before arrival:** pilot@lpc.co.nz and cphoncall@cdhb.health.nz.

Physical distancing and face covering requirements

- Ships' crew are required to wear face masks, appropriate personal protective equipment and maintain physical distancing if they need to interact with LPC staff.
- It is also now mandatory to wear face coverings on public transport in New Zealand and where physical distancing is not possible in the community.

Thank you for your continued support in this process. As we expect border restrictions to be in place for some time, we expect the LPC COVID-19 Advance Notice Form process to be in place for the foreseeable future.

The new COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) Order, and the latest guidance from the New Zealand Ministry of Health is available here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-current-situation/covid-19-epidemic-notice-and-orders#maritime>

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