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Community Update

Shore leave for Independent fishing crew approved by Ministry of Health and CDHB

As you may be aware, there have been a number of people in Government Management Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQ) recently, who have arrived in New Zealand to work on the fishing trawlers currently berthed in our inner harbour.

Earlier this month these crew members were transported to LPC to board their vessels after being released from MIQ for quarantine and isolation. The Ministry of Health then imposed further isolation requirements of no shore leave for the crew for seven days, and a repeat COVID-19 test after seven days.

Having now completed the further isolation and a final negative COVID-19 test for all crew, the Ministry of Health and Canterbury District Health Board have now authorised the crew to come ashore for leave before they go out to sea next week and begin work.

Previously shared information:

While in isolation, these crew have been tested for COVID-19 on day 3, 5, and 13. **Only people who have completed at least the full 14 days of quarantine and tested negative for COVID-19 have been transported to vessels at LPC.**

As part of the Ministry of Health's Border Order, certain categories of LPC staff and Port users are also undergoing COVID-19 testing every 14 days and continue to follow physical distancing protocols and wearing PPE when interacting with foreign crew.

LPC has also developed protocols for any staff that need to interact with these crew or board these vessels.

LPC continues to work hard to ensure the safety of our staff, Port users and the community and we will keep you updated if there are any further developments.

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