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Novel Coronavirus Precautions

Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (NCR) continues to monitor the Novel Coronavirus outbreak in coordination with our partner government agencies. [Coast Guard Headquarters issued its own MSIB on the issue and we encourage all port stakeholders to review it by clicking this link.](#)

Vessel representatives are reminded of the **following requirements to report hazardous conditions and illnesses:**

- The master of a ship destined for the Sector Maryland-NCR Captain of the Port zone shall report to the Center of Disease Control (CDC), the occurrence, on board, of any death or any ill person among passengers or crew (including those who have disembarked or have been removed) during the 15-day period preceding the date of expected arrival in accordance with regulations ([42 CFR 71.21](#)). The responsible CDC station for the Port of Baltimore is the CDC Washington DC Station, which can be reached at 703-661-1320.
- The owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel is required to immediately notify the nearest Coast Guard Sector whenever there is a hazardous condition aboard the vessel ([33 CFR 160.216](#)). While the presence of a person with Coronavirus-like symptoms does not by itself constitute a hazardous condition, vessel operators should report suspected cases or other unusual circumstances whenever they are in doubt. Make local notifications to the Coast Guard by contacting the Sector Maryland-NCR Command Center at (410) 576-2693.
- Vessel masters should inform Coast Guard and Customs boarding teams of any ill crewmembers onboard.
- Commercial facilities engaged in operations with vessels that have visited affected countries are requested to inquire on the health status of crewmembers onboard. If information is received regarding ill crewmembers, the facility is to advise the company and/or vessel of the requirements as per the reporting obligation to the CDC.

For situational updates, please visit the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, contact Coast Guard Sector Maryland-NCR Command Center at (410) 576-2693 or D05-SMB-SectorMD-NCR-SCC@uscg.mil.