

Friday 6 March 2020

To Customers and Port Stakeholders

### **Coronavirus (COVID – 19) Update # 5**

Port Authority of New South Wales (Port Authority) is taking the potential exposure of its employees to the novel coronavirus seriously and would like to share with you the current steps being taken to mitigate exposure.

Further to our last update issued on 4 March, we would like to highlight new additional requirements we have initiated, in response to the latest information from the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs (issued 5 March 2020).

Port Authority has made a further determination to update the guidelines for vessels and crew that have come from the Republic of Korea and Italy to ensure the safety of our employees in all ports in NSW.

In line with this information and advice from the Federal and State health authorities, we have updated the following requirements:

- Masters of all ships due to arrive at our ports are required to answer the following questions:
  - What were the last 5 ports of call?
  - Are any crew members showing symptoms of the novel coronavirus on-board or are there any ill passengers or crew on board.
  - Has the vessel been in mainland China, Iran, Republic of Korea or Italy in the last 14 days?
  - Has any person on the vessel been in contact with a proven case of novel coronavirus infection in the last 14 days.
  - Are there any crew or passengers who have left, or transited through, mainland China or Iran, Republic of Korea or Italy less than 14 days ago?
- Where novel coronavirus is suspected, our employees will not be required to board the vessel; and
- Port Authority will delay pilotage services to ships that have transited from mainland China, Iran, Republic of Korea or Italy which have been at sea for less than the 14-day quarantine period.

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Further information is also available from the following agencies:

Australian Department of Health

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/coronavirus-update-at-a-glance>

NSW Health

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Australian Border Force

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/current-alerts/novel-coronavirus>

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated if there are further directions. If you have any further questions in relation to Port Authority's guidelines, please contact:

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Yours sincerely,



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