

Ho Chi Minh City Department of Health  
The International Health Quarantine Center of Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City, February 06 2020

*Regarding the prevention of epidemic acute respiratory infection caused by Coronavirus at Port of Ho Chi Minh City*

To: Maritime Administration of Ho Chi Minh City  
Ho Chi Minh Port Border Gate  
Customs Department  
Pilot companies  
Port operators  
Shipping Agent, Maritime Services  
Captains of Vessels operating at Ho Chi Minh Port

According to Official Letter No. 164 / TTg-KGVX, dated February 3, 2020, by Prime Minister, regarding the prevention of epidemic acute respiratory infection caused by Coronavirus,  
According to Document No. 808 / VPCP-KTTH, dated February 5, 2020 regarding the border, cross-border freight movement involves some trade in transportation services,  
Under the direction of Port operators,  
Based on the unified content in the meeting on February 5, 2020 at Ho Chi Minh City Port,

The International Health Quarantine Center of Ho Chi Minh City requires related parties to implement the following methods of detection and prevention:

- Related parties should comply with document No. 29 / TTKDYT, dated January 25, 2020, requesting every crew member to fill up the Health Declaration Form before vessel's berthing at Ho Chi Minh Port.
- Vessels from the epidemic area or Vessels having any crew who is from the epidemic area are only allowed to enter Ho Chi Minh City Port after being inspected and get approved by the International Health Quarantine Center. Especially to those from Hubei (China) or having crew from Hubei (China), all crew members must be isolated 14 days counted from the day they leave Hubei.
- Crew members working on vessels coming from the epidemic areas are not allowed onto land. They are requested to limit contact with others.

- Information about the epidemic area/ region will be published by the Ministry of Health, and timely updated by the International Health Quarantine Center. Currently, areas with reported confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV are:
  - For foreign vessels: nCoV epidemic area is 31/31 Chinese provinces.
  - For domestic vessels: nCoV epidemic area is Nha Trang, Vinh Phuc and Thanh Hoa. The areas being inspected are Ha Noi, Van Don and Phu Quoc.
- The basic principles to reduce the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory infections when working directly with people on vessels coming from epidemic areas include the following:
  - Wear a medical mask properly, place mask carefully to cover mouth and nose, do not touch the front of the mask, use a disposable mask, when leaving the ship, the mask needs to be put in the trash, then clean hands by using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap
  - Wear gloves when you need to contact paperwork on board, when leaving the ship, immediately put gloves in the trash, then clean hands by using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap
  - Refrain from touching mouth and nose
  - Do not take any food on board
  - Avoid close contact, keeping a distance up to 2 meters away would be preferable.
  - When returning home, it is necessary to take a shower and wash the clothes
  - When a crew member is detected with symptoms such as cough, fever, or shortness of breath, the worker must leave the ship and immediately report to the International Health Quarantine Center for inspection. Permanent telephone number (Doctor Nguyen Tuan Anh 0978027109) is used in case of emergency. The worker needs to self-isolated for 14 days until the Quarantine Center declares the crew member not being infected with nCoV

We would like to inform the related parties to implement together to reduce the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory infections.

We hope the cooperation.

Director

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Ho Chi Minh City Department of Health  
The International Health Quarantine Center of Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City, January 25 2020

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Requesting every crew member to fill up the Health Declaration Form before vessel's berthing at Ho Chi Minh Port.

The process will take effect from January 25, 2020 as follows:

- Health Declaration Form will be delivered to shipping agents
- Shipping agents will then transfer the form to the ships before coming to Vietnam, especially to those that within 14 days having crew member being ashore China (including Hong Kong). Each person must declare 01 sheet
- Health Quarantine Center in Vung Tau will collect and check the declaration, if necessary, they can conduct a physical inspection when the ship enters to Vung Tau mooring area
- Individuals suspected nCoV infection will be transferred to a hospital for isolating and testing. Vessels having suspected ones will also be quarantined

International Health Quarantine Center would like to:

- Request shipping agents to quickly announce this to all vessels as well as providing back to us the vessels' schedule.
- Request Maritime Administration of Ho Chi Minh City to provide the schedule of vessels from China coming to Ho Chi Minh Port
- Request Ho Chi Minh Port Border Gate to support entry procedures for suspected patient to be quickly transferred to the hospital, please assist the ship having suspected crew member
- Request Ho Chi Minh port customs to support entry procedures support entry procedures for suspected patient
- Pilot companies are requested to support to report the arrival time of vessels and canoes

In addition, if detecting any one with symptoms of acute respiratory infection, please immediately notify the port authority or the following phone numbers:

Doctor Tran Gia Hiep	0918190901	Director/ Quarantine Unit
Doctor Nguyen Trong Men	0904433360	Vice Director/ Quarantine Unit
Doctor Nguyen Tuan Anh	0978027109	Quarantine officer
Doctor Nguyen Viet Phuong	0989015981	Quarantine officer

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