**Covid-19 Measures in Le Havre/Rouen/Channel and Atlantic ports**

For vessels, the permanent health watch procedure remains in place.

Under the current alert level, Masters of ships calling at French ports must inform the Harbor Master's Office of any illness on board by filing a standard Maritime Health Declaration (Déclaration Maritime de Santé - DMS) on the port’s S-WiNG (one-stop shop).  DMSs are automatically forwarded to the Regional Health Agency **(ARS).**

The ARS analyses the DMS and decides on any measures to be implemented in accordance with sanitary information provided and the origin of the vessel.

The Harbor Master's Office is informed of the measures decided by the ARS and is provided with instructions to be sent to the people who will be working on board.

Ship agents must ensure that the Maritime Declarations of Health that they receive from ships are duly submitted via the port’s S-WiNG and that the Harbor Master's Office is informed without delay if any difficulties are encountered.

Inthe port of **Le Havre**, the GMP stevedoring company has drawn up an agreement with the SAMU SCMN (state **Emergency medical team)** to define the SAMU’s interventions if the vessel is at sea or at the quayside. Under this agreement, either the ARS will send a medical team on board to test a suspectedCovid-19 case, or if the ship is in berth, it may benefit at any time from a Covid-19 test carried out by the SAMU who then decides what needs to be done and implements any relevant protective measures.

**COVID CASES ON BOARD:**

We have already dealt with cases where the whole crew are infected by the COVID and the variants, a negotiation with the Port and local health authorities is necessary for the berth of the vessel, an organization of a total evacuation of the crew and transfer them to quarantine facilities, disinfection the vessel by specialized companies, arranging of the new crew’s arrival on board and lifting up the vessel, arranging PCR tests for the crew during their quarantine, assisting them and proceeding to their repatriation at the end of their quarantine.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:**

Medical assistance remains available for non-COVID19 injuries or illnesses.  We have been able to evacuate and transfer non-COVID seafarers to hospitals.  Upon arrival, a Covid-19 test is carried out to ensure that the person is not carrying the virus.  They then receive the necessary care in the hospital.

For the last 3 months, visits to hospitalised seafarers have only been possible subject to authorisation, which has often been granted to us by the doctors in charge.  Repatriation is also possible if the borders of seafarer’s country are open.

**SURVEY OPERATIONS:**

Port operations and surveyors’ attendances are still taking place normally.  Budd’s staff and surveyors in France are continuing to assist in the usual manner. Strict compliance with hygiene measures, social distancing and mask-wearing are mandatory.

**CREW CHANGES:**

Crew changes are permitted for locals and foreign nationals subject to the following conditions:

* Either an RT-PCR test or an antigen test must be carried out before embarking/disembarking.  The seafarer can only be embarked/disembarked after providing a negative test result obtain in the preceding 72hrs.  PCR tests can be carried out at French airports.

* France is now in lockdown with a curfew from 7.00 p.m.  Crew members can go ashore during curfew/confinement hours for crew changes or medical reasons.

**FRENCH COURTS:**

The French courts are still opened, the hearings are maintained, generally if they are postponed it is for procedural reasons.

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