



Government of Western Australia Department of Health

# COVID Transition: information for the maritime industry

Western Australia's (WA) border controls have been reviewed and travel from interstate and overseas is now permitted. New Directions relevant to the maritime industry include <u>Maritime Crew Member Directions</u> (No 7) and the <u>COVID Transition (Interstate and International Border) Directions</u>.

Several Directions have been revoked, including:

- Exposed On-Board Worker Directions (No 5)
- Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions (No 4)
- Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions (No 5)
- Flight Crew Directions (No 12)

## Disembarking vaccinated maritime crew member

Crew arriving to WA from an international port can disembark the vessel, with the following requirements:

- Complete a G2G Pass Declaration.
- Take a rapid antigen test (RAT) or present for a PCR test within 24 hours of entering WA.
- Have received a full course of an approved COVID-19 vaccination: this means a full course of a
  vaccine <u>approved or recognised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)</u>.
- Foreign vaccination certificates must have an English translation. See <u>guidance on foreign</u> <u>vaccination certificates (passports.gov.au)</u>.

Crew arriving to WA from another Australian port and intending to disembark must also have received a booster vaccination if eligible.

# Disembarking unvaccinated maritime crew member

Unvaccinated maritime crew members may only disembark a vessel to travel to a quarantine centre, or to an airport to leave WA, or to immediately board another vessel at the same port, or to carry out port activities (subject to conditions set out in the Maritime Crew Directions (No 7)), or to receive medical or dental treatment. This includes crew members who have received an incomplete course of vaccination.

The following requirements apply to unvaccinated maritime crew members who disembark to travel to a quarantine centre or to an airport to leave WA:

- Take a RAT, and receive a negative test result, immediately prior to disembarking the vessel; take a RAT at 6-hourly intervals until the crew member arrives at a quarantine centre or leaves WA.
- Arrive at the quarantine centre or airport within 24 hours of disembarking the vessel.
- Wear a mask, observe physical distancing and practise hygiene measures while in WA.

# Seeking medical or dental treatment

- There are no restrictions for vaccinated maritime crew members to receive medical or dental treatment.
- Unvaccinated crew members who require medical or dental assessment should follow process in medical assessment for mariners or dental assessment for mariners.

## **Vessel transitions**

There are now no requirements for transitioning of vessels from exposed to unexposed.

The information provided in this factsheet is intended as a summary only. To see the complete <u>Maritime</u> <u>Crew Member Directions (No 7)</u> and <u>COVID Transition (Interstate and International Border) Directions</u> that you are required to comply with, please visit <u>www.wa.gov.au</u>.

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