

# **PROTOCOLS FOR CRUISE VESSELS FOR ENTRY INTO THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA**

## **1. PROTOCOLS FOR PRE-ARRIVAL**

- a. Submission of authorized on board protocols, duly signed by relevant authority of vessel.
- b. COVID-19 vaccinations required for All guest of age 12 and older must be fully vaccinated for Covid 19 with a World Health Organization (WHO) or U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved vaccine in order for the ship to be allowed entry to the port. Emergency contractors required for critical ship maintenance can be exempted of the vaccination requirement as well as any medical / religious exemptions granted pursuant to applicable law (i.e., US law). This requirement will be in effect till November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Unvaccinated guest with the exception of children under 12 will not be allowed to go ashore.
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- d. A cruise operator's inadvertent errors with regard to a guest vaccination status shall not prevent the vessel from making port provided that in all such cases the cruise operator must subject the passenger(s) whose vaccination status has caused such discrepancies to the same SARS-CoV-2 testing protocols required for unvaccinated guests. These guests will not be allowed to go ashore.
- e. All guests with the exception of Children under 12 years travelling with parents/guardians are to be fully vaccinated, and at least two weeks have elapsed since final dose).
- f. COVID-19 vaccinations required for crew members and staff ( Crew and staff are to be fully vaccinated, and at least two weeks have elapsed since final dose). Recently sign on crew that are not yet fully vaccinated cannot go ashore. There shall be at least 95% of the total crew onboard fully vaccinated at any given time and the ship should make all efforts for recently sign on crew to be fully vaccinated as soon as possible after joining the ship.
- g. All pre-arrival requirements at homeport adhered to (health screening and negative PCR test result for unvaccinated guest 2 years of age and older).
- h. All pre-embarkation requirements adhered to (health declaration and symptom screening).
- i. Submission of Maritime Declaration of Health (IHR 2005) form to the Environmental Health Department (EHD) twenty-four (24) hours in advance, and in addition within four (4) hours prior to arrival in port.

- j. Immediate reporting of any COVID-positive cases to Chief Medical Officer of arriving country.

## **2. PROTOCOLS UPON ARRIVAL**

- a. Maintaining strict public health measures of Face Mask, Hand Hygiene and Physical Distancing
- b. Disembarkation only at designated port of entry
- c. Crew and guest shore leave shall be granted only for pre-booked/company-arranged certified excursions
- d. Controlled disembarkation arranged by excursion
- e. Guests shall proceed on shore while maintaining physical distancing
- f. Guests shall present proof of pre-booked tour to authority before tour dispatch
- g. Guests are encouraged to sanitize hands at sanitization stations, as directed
- h. Guests shall undergo a health assessment to include a temperature check at automatic scanners.
- i. Guests shall proceed to designated location for assembly for pre-booked excursion (identified by flag with company logo).
- j. Guests shall proceed on Safe in Nature certified transportation for managed experience excursion.
- k. Guests shall return to designated port of entry
- l. Guests may shop only within the Safe in Nature Certified Shopping Zone along the Dame Eugenia Charles Boulevard.

## **3. GENERAL PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES**

- a. Travellers are required to wear face masks at all times during the arrival process up to and including disembarkation and excursions.
- b. Travellers must observe physical distancing
- c. Travellers must practice stringent hand hygiene, good respiratory etiquette and personal sanitization

- d. Travellers must follow all instructions of health care staff and officials

**3.1. Pre-Screening and Boarding**

- Mandatory wearing of masks by all persons disembarking on destination
- Provide hand sanitizer at entry and throughout the boarding process, and ensure strict compliance.
- Maintain strict hand hygiene: wash and sanitize hands as often as possible and after touching surfaces.
- Maintain physical distancing guidelines during screening and boarding

**4. DISEMBARKATION**

- a. Cruise ship operators must notify the respective national public health authorities and adhere to any testing requirements of receiving countries.
- b. Ensure persons and crew members with known exposures to COVID-19, within the last two (2) weeks, are transported separately from those with no known exposure.
- c. Any complicated positive cases of COVID-19 requiring admission, will be admitted to the Isolation facility.
- d. Mandatory wearing of masks by all persons,
- e. Maintain physical distancing guidelines of Six (6) feet between family clusters during disembarkation.
- f. Each traveller must be deemed safe to enter country based on countries primary screening procedures.

**4.1 Ship must provide to CMO and relevant Port Health Authority.**

- Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) to countries, 24 hours before
- Immediate report of illnesses during journey (MIDRS or other)

Vessel management to continuously evaluate testing procedures, including test type, efficacy, frequency, timing, and make adjustments to reduce the chance of the introduction of virus to the vessel crew, passengers and service providers to the vessel whilst in port.

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