

Harbour Master Instruction

Number: 01/2023
Date of Effect: 29 June 2022

Date: 14 April 2023

DETAILS	COVID 19 Management for Visiting Vessels at the Port of Geraldton
FORMER NOTICE	05/2022

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Harbour Master Instruction (HMI) is to provide updates to the Covid-19 management protocols that were put in place in May 2022 for visiting vessels at the Port of Geraldton.

2 BACKGROUND

At the onset of Covid-19 pandemic in year 2020, MWPA implemented a 14 days quarantine rule (14 days rule) for all vessels arriving from international ports. The 14 days commenced on the departure from last international port and vessels were required to complete this quarantine period prior to being considered for berthing at the Port of Geraldton.

Since then, Covid-19 vaccinations have been introduced and currently a high level of WA's population is vaccinated. The Global Seafarer vaccination rate is also steadily climbing. Consequently, the WA government has revoked the following directions:

- Maritime Crew Member Directions (No 10) revoked on 01 June 2022
- Port Worker (Restrictions on Access) Directions revoked on 10 June 2022

3 MANAGEMENT PLAN – INTERNATIONAL VESSELS

MWPA has amended the suite of controls to manage Covid-19 risk from international vessels.

The list of previous controls and the new controls for all vessels arriving from international ports are listed in table 1. The new controls will come into effect from 14 April 2023.

TABLE 1: COVID-19 MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS – INTERNATIONAL VESSELS

Controls	Previous	New
Back scanning of vessel's history (crew changes, ports visited etc)	14 days	Not required
PCR test results for recent on-signing crew members	All vessels	Not required
Twice daily temperature check records for all crew members for the last 14 days	All vessels	Not required
Requirement to submit health declaration forms prior to visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 3B (and 2B where applicable) Form 13 	All vessels With MWPA Crew List	All vessels MWPA Crew List not required
'Quarantine Period'	7 Days for all vessels coming from international ports unless the following can be satisfied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) test results for all crew. Test to be conducted 24 hours prior to Pilot Onboard time 	Can be requested at Ports discretion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) test results for all crew. Test to be conducted 24 hours prior to Pilot Onboard time
Pilots to conduct confirmatory health check via VHF prior to boarding	All vessels	All vessels
Pilots to wear Covid-19 PPE	All vessels	Not Required
Any individuals visiting vessels (surveyors, stevedores etc) to wear Covid-19 PPE	All vessels	Not Required
Seafarers to remain onboard	Shore leave is open for Seafarers	Shore leave is open for Seafarers

4 CONCLUSION

MWPA will continue to monitor the Covid-19 pandemic and may revise the requirements of this HMI.