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To

The Chairman,
Deendayal Port Trust,
Gandhidham.

The President,
Kandla Port Steamship Agents Association,
Gandhidham.

Sub: - Standard Operating Procedure on the 2019-nCoV Screening for Deendayal Port Trust, Kandla – Regarding.

Sirs,

This is to bring it to your attention that a meeting was held in the Office of Chairman, Deendayal Port Trust on 28.11.2019 attended by The Chairman, Port Health Officer, Immigration Officer, Customs Officer, Secretary, Dy. Conservator, Traffic Manager, Chief Engineer, CMO, Dy. CMO, President KPSAA etc. and a model SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) has been prepared for the Screening of the Ships and Crew at Deendayal Port Trust, Kandla. The roles and responsibilities of all Port Stakeholders and regulatory agencies knowledge has been given for compliance.

An earlier advisory has been issued on 28.01.2020 and this SOP is in continuation of the same.

Any future updates will be done in due course.

Keep in touch for any assistance.



Yours Faithfully,

S.K. Prajapati
(Dr. S. K. Prajapati)
Port Health Officer, Kandla.

Encl: - A copy of SOP as stated above.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action, to:-

1. The Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Kandla.
2. The Police Sub Inspector & Immigration Officer, Immigration Wing, Kandla.
3. The CMO, DPT, Port Hospital, Gopalpuri.
4. The Dy. Conservator, DPT, Gandhidham.
5. The Secretary, DPT, Gandhidham.
6. The Commandant. CISF, Kandla.
7. The Chief Engineer, DPT, Gandhidham.
8. The Traffic Manager, DPT, Kandla.
9. The Signal Station, DPT, Kandla.
10. The Civil Surgeon, G.K. General Hospital, Bhuj.
11. The District Health Officer, Kachchh District, Bhuj.



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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR PORTS ON 2019-nCoV SCREENING: -

A. PRE-ARRIVAL SCREENING, GRANT OF PRATIQUE

The goal of the 2019-nCoV screening at Ports is to prevent entry of this disease through the crew from ships calling at our Ports. The source of infection entry is possible by 3 ways:-

1. Ships calling from China Ports for all crew.
2. Chinese crew embarking from any ports in the world including China.
3. All International crew embarking from China Ports.

We have the facilities of internet to get all the information and monitoring by PHOs before arrival.

1. MDH & Attached schedule. As a routine under IHR-2005 we always follow the crew who joined in the last 1 month as they are more prone to bring in new diseases to the ships and will continue that and check on the last 14 days specially for 2019-nCoV screening.
2. The attached schedule will have to be completed on the diseases or treatment given on board or Radio Medical Advice or Shore Medical Treatment. To get authentic information we ask the Medical Log report for 1 month.
3. Crew List with embarkation details (Port and Date) will help us to concentrate on the new crew joined for screening.
4. The SSCEC will give if any ERF is issued at other ports on any health measures undertaken and also, we can see the validity for Pratique too.
5. IHR-2005 2019-nCoV form will help to get all the necessary details for assisting to plan the action for the ships before her arrival. This office used it very effectively in H1N1 screening time.

B. SCREENING & SUSPECTED CREW MANAGEMENT.

1. By Pre-Arrival Screening the ships will be categorized to Healthy & Suspect Ships.
2. Healthy ships will undergo the routine Port Operations.

Suspect Ships will be planned for screening.

1. If all crew are healthy, they can be still in incubation period and hence we shall advice the master to monitor all the crew for 14 days daily for temperature and health.
2. The newly embarked crew or any crew at berth when develops fever or respiratory symptoms to be isolated and given PPE immediately and intimate **Port Control and Agent to alert PHO, CMO.**
3. During Port stay all the illness needed for shore medical assistance are to be tracked and hence they will get our approval to know if its suspected infectious diseases or 2019-nCoV or others which can be safely allowed for Medical Assistance. **Action Immigration and Shipping Agents**

4. The **Port users** to restrict their visits for work on board for minimal time as much as possible to avoid entering the ships cabins, mess rooms etc. To restrict to tally room, ship office. To take precautions of Hand wash, PPE if they see any crew with respiratory illness. The sick staff from Port Users are to refrain from on board operations.-**Action Stevedores/CHA/Shipping Agents.**

Suspect Crew Evacuation Action Plan: - Ship Master and Ship: - On screening if we find a suspect crew needing isolation and examination. They will be first isolated on board in the hospital or their cabin.
Given Mask to them (N95 or Three-Layered Surgical Mask).

Mobile stable Crew: The PHO will intimate the Port and the Shipping Agent to coordinate for safe transport to the Referral Hospital, G.K.General Hospital, Bhuj (Kachchh).
The Ambulance crew to have Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and take Infection Prevention Control (IPC) guidelines.

Sick Crew: -

1. The full PPE to be used by the persons to transport the sick crew.
2. Fire Safety personnel may be required to assist in bringing down the sick crew from gangway and hence they are also to be part of the training to handle sick patients.
3. The Medical Team of Port Trust to have full PPE, to have the Oxygen Cylinder, Emergency Medicines, Ambu Bag, Suction etc. of ICU set up facility for transporting to the Designated Referral Hospital.

Disinfection of the Ambulances: - To follow the IPC guidelines for disinfection of the Ambulance, safe disposal of the PPE at Hospital. To discard all the PPE in the hospital only in Bio Hazard Bags.

Immigration: - All the necessary clearances for temporary or for disembarkation, visa extension etc. are to be followed up later and the Shipping Agent to assist in the same.

Customs: - For Baggage clearance in case of disembarkation and clearance.

CISF: - To provide safe evacuation safe corridor, traffic, easy access to the ship by Ambulances from Port or 108 and for leave to the Designated Hospital.

Signal Station & Port Authority: - To coordinate with all Port Officials for coordination in evacuation of the sick crew.

Kind Regards,

Yours Faithfully,


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Port Health Officer, Kandla.

