



**PD TEESPORT LIMITED**

# **NOTICE TO MARINERS NO.17 OF 2022**

**Updated by the Harbour Master on 09 March**

**NORTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND**

**RIVER TEES AND HARTLEPOOL**

## **CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**

PD Teesport hereby gives notice that the following requirement now applies to all vessels visiting the Ports of Tees and Hartlepool.

Under UK and International Health Regulations, ships entering port are normally required to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health only when there has been an occurrence on board that may affect public health.

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, additional requirements to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health will now apply.

Please ensure that a Maritime Declaration of Health is completed and conveyed to River Tees Port Health Authority and Tees VTS, if anyone on board presents with a confirmed case of Covid-19.

In England, from 24 February 2022, it is not a legal requirement to self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19. It is still possible to catch and spread COVID-19 even if you are fully vaccinated. If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. If you have COVID-19, the Public Health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

All of us can play our part by understanding the situations where risks of COVID-19 infection and transmission are likely to be higher and taking action to reduce these risk.

If a vessel has a confirmed case of COVID-19 onboard the following applies:

- If the vessel requires the services of a Tees Bay Pilot, the Bridge Team and all other essential crew involved in the pilotage operations must ensure negative Covid-19 test results are returned within 6 hours prior to pilot boarding, with the results promulgated to TEES VTS.
- The berth operator is informed and acceptance for the vessel to berth is confirmed.

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- If the vessel is using port waste reception facilities, the service provider is informed.
- If the vessel is boarded by any personnel, that the person/service provider is informed.

Further information is available from Tees VTS on VHF Channel 14 or telephone 01642 277205.

**NOTE:** Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.