

Novel coronavirus 2019

(2019-nCoV)

Keeping up to date

WHO advice

Daily updates on novel coronavirus 2019 are being provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) here:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Readers are advised to visit this page for daily updates.

On this website you can find information and guidance from WHO regarding the current outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that was first reported from Wuhan, People's Republic of China on 31 December 2019.

WHO is working closely with global experts, governments and partners to rapidly expand scientific knowledge on this new virus, to track the spread and virulence of the virus, and to provide advice to countries and individuals on measures to protect health and prevent the spread of this outbreak.

From IMO

IMO has provided advice for IMO Member States, seafarers and shipping.

The following circular letters have been issued:

Circular Letter No.4203 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) provides information and guidance, based on recommendations developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Division of Healthcare Management and Occupational Safety and Health (DHMOOSH), United Nations, on the precautions to be taken to minimize risks to delegates attending meetings at IMO following the recent outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Circular Letter No.4204 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) providing information and guidance, based on recommendations developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), on the precautions to be taken to minimize risks to seafarers, passengers and others on board ships from the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Member States are advised to urge all stakeholders (companies, managers, crewing agents, etc.) to promulgate information to ensure that seafarers, passengers and others on board ships are provided with accurate and relevant information on the coronavirus outbreak and on the measures to reduce the risk of exposure if they are likely to be engaged on ships trading to and from ports in coronavirus-affected States.

See also here: <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Additional advice

The following links also provide advice to seafarers and shipping (non-exhaustive list):

International Maritime Health Association (IMHA) advice for shipping companies on the new type of coronavirus (2019-nCoV). See: <https://www.imha.net/sites/default/files/2020-01/20200126%20CORONA%20advice%20shipping%20comp.pdf>

United States Coast Guard Novel Coronavirus. See: https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2020/MSIB-02-20_Novel_Coronavirus_2Feb2020.pdf?ver=2020-02-02-182614-690

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands



- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste



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Wash your hands with soap and running water when **hands are visibly dirty**



If your **hands are not visibly dirty**, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



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