



ISLANDS OF INDIAN OCEAN

1 JUL 2020

## Coronavirus, COVID-19

*The following information was received from our correspondent on 1 July:*

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Please kindly note that crew changes operation are still possible at Reunion Island.

Important: all vessels that have called or worked in Africa in the last 14days before coming at Reunion Island may have problems with the health authorities.  
A Covid-19 test will be required

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*The following information was received from our correspondent on 4 May:*

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Please kindly find, hereafter, the update:

### **COMOROS**

On Thursday 30th of May 2020 the president made an official announcement that there is one case of COVID19 in the country.

So far there is no lock down but containment measures reinforced consequently:

Curfew in force from 2000 hours until 0500 hours every day

There is no international flights allowed in the country except aircraft transporting cargo or medical shipment.

However domestic flights is still open to passengers traveling trough the islands( with the country).

Ports are operative day and night but cruise vessel not allowed and no disembarking international crew from visiting vessels.

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### **SEYCHELLES**

- The Government is proposing to lift the lock down on Monday 4th May 2020.
- School will start opening from 11th for Post Graduates and 18th for others.
- Cruise ship are still not allowed in the port but pleasure yachts are welcome depending on where they come from.
- The airport will re open on 1st June 2020 for international flights again depending on where the flight comes from.
- Seychellois will be allowed to leave the island but may face quarantine when they return.
- The cargo and fishing ports are opened for normal operations.
- There has been No confirmed COVID-19 cases for the last 19 days

### **MAURITIUS**

[https://portagent.mu/covid19/covid19\\_Port-Louis.html](https://portagent.mu/covid19/covid19_Port-Louis.html)

### **REUNION ISLAND**

Please kindly find attached the procedures for crew change received from MRCC/CROSS Reunion. We are sorry documents are in French , we do not have the english version.

Example for a crew change operation at Port-Reunion:

For the authorization (special operation: disembarking/embarking crew on roads) we need:

- a copy of the passport of each crew members
- the maritime declaration of health completed (doc attached) and the following doc. in order to received the 'free pratique' with the health authorities
  - Crew List
  - confirmation that there are no symptoms of covid on board (measures taken on board - temperature .... ?)
  - List of ports of call & date
  - ship's sanitary certificate
- a Company's letter, in French, explaining the operation you intend to do with all information
- e-tickets with final destination
- attached document completed for each crew members (attestation ...)
- for non European crew member we have to obtain a 'Sauf conduit'

All the flights (arrival and departure) should be booked on the same day of the operation.

All these documents will be send to the authorities for authorization & approval.

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*And further update on 6 May:*

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**MADAGASCAR**

*updated 06/05/2020*

For vessel the 14 days of quarantine has been removed but, in operation, crew members have to wear all protecting equipments (glasses / masks / gloves). Other crew members have to stay on their cabins. All other measures remain the same.

*updated 06/04/2020*

Please be informed that as per the Malagasy President's declaration of yesterday, the Health State of Emergency remains in place in Madagascar for 15 (fifteen) additional days. The below mentioned restrictions were maintained. However, 03 (three) main cities are now locked down until further notice, such as Antananarivo, Toamasina and Fianarantsoa.

*dated 03/04/2020*

Please find below general information concerning restrictions in Madagascar due to COVID-19 spreading:

1. On March 21st, 2020, the Malagasy President declared a Health State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 spreading
2. Schools, Administrative offices, Churches, Bars and Restaurants, etc... have been ordered to close, while sporting and cultural events have also been cancelled as precautionary measures. Concerning private companies/offices, they are allowed to open but with restricted working personal and respecting all the preventive measures ordered by the Ministry of Health.
3. A 30-day suspension for all international flights to and from Madagascar remains in place as of March 20th, 2020. Only cargo flight can be accepted through the capital.
4. AEROPORT Status: all airports are closed. All regional flights are suspended
5. Cruise ships are prohibited from entering any port in the country as of March 15th, 2020 for a period of 30 days.
6. Untill now, 02 main cities such as Antananarivo (Capital) and Toamasina (Port) have been locked down to prevent further spread of the coronavirus. All individuals are required to stay at home and all transports, except for goods, are prohibited. Only essential business such as food stores, banks, etc... are allowed to remain open, and only one person per family is allowed to shop before 12:00 (LT). Any movement after 12:00 is also controlled. The Government has also implemented an overnight curfew from 20:00 to 05:00 (LT). Movement at night in the city from 20:00 to 05:00 is therefore prohibited.

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7. To avoid economical crisis, only cargo ships are allowed to call in Toamasina Port. The port of Toamasina is open 24h/24h and Dockers involved in night shift should join the port before 20:00.

8. The following restrictions should be respected when calling in Toamasina (Common restrictions for all ports in the country):

- a. The Port Authority applies 14-day quarantine as possible, depending on Health Safety Assessment of all ship's submitted health documents.
- b. For ship berthed less than 14-day quarantine. Surveyor can board ship but not allowed to enter into castle. All physical exchange of documents is prohibited but should be done by emails. For ship which has completed the 14-day quarantine, physical exchange of documents is allowed.
- c. Tankers and containers with less than 10-day travel from last port are exempted from 14-day quarantine if their health safety assessment are considered as Good.
- d. Drastic measures of the port will be applied such as:
  - interdiction to go ashore,
  - interdiction of contact with shore personal,
  - wearing mask / gloves / glasses from crew side is compulsory when crew members have to go out from castle to duty on deck
  - all documents exchange is carried out by email to avoid contact
  - 2 meters distance must be kept in case involved crew members have to work on deck.
  - ships that have completed more than 10-day travel will berth only at 15th day from last port (to comply with corona quarantine)
  - Crew and safety embarked team displacement are not accepted.
  - Disembarking is not allowed. NO LANDING of persons is authorized.

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