

CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

PAKISTAN

03 JUN 2021

Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 3 June:

QUOTE

It is kindly submitted that the ports of Pakistan are in the region of SINDH where emergency has been declared and extreme precautions are being exercised to counter COVID-19. **(please see attached order of complete ban on people movement).**

We have recently heard that any local individuals/surveyor over the age of 50 would not be allowed to board the vessel.

[...]

The Governmental department Port Health Establishment issued a travel advisory on 1 February that includes:

- **Vessels must submit a health declaration that there are no symptoms on board.**
- **No crew disembarkation until clearance from Port Health is obtained.**
- **Suspected infected vessels will be isolated at outer anchorages.**

We have also attached the travel advisory issued earlier for the reference and records.

Till date, the ports operations are normal with strict precautions intact , and the Government has allowed personals to attend to ships at ports working or assisting the operations, we are lucky to have

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No: SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona

**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

Karachi, dated the 22nd March, 2020

ORDER

No: SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona: Whereas there has been an increase in the number of Corona Virus cases (COVID-19) in Sindh and that this increase, as has been seen worldwide, is expected to rise exponentially if adequate preventive measures are not taken mainly being the prevention of social contact and gatherings in any form and that further steps are required to step up the restrictions and closures for the purpose of breaking the chain of spread of the virus.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers under Section 3(1) of the Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015) and in continuation of earlier orders of even number dated 14th March, 2020 and 17th March, 2020, the Government of Sindh is satisfied that it has become extremely urgent and important to prevent mixing/gathering/meeting of people by taking extreme measures in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 and therefore imposes ban on the movement and the gathering of people in order to prevent spread of virus from social contacts for a period of 15 days w.e. from 23.03.2020 starting at 12:00 on the same date.

There shall be a complete ban on movement of people including Intercity or Inter-Provincial Travel or gatherings of any kind for social, religious, or any other purpose at any place, public or private, including all offices, public or private situated within the territorial limits of province of Sindh except the following:-

- 1) Personnel related to Health Services like Hospitals, Laboratories and Medical stores.
- 2) Personnel related to Law Enforcing Agencies enforcing / implementing this order.
- 3) Personnel related to Essential Services / Offices going to perform their duties or providing essential services as declared in later part of this order.
- 4) Person in need of medical care with an attendant where necessary.
- 5) Person going to buy grocery and medicines.
- 6) Necessary / unavoidable religious rites like the last rites, Namaz-e-Janaza, Burial and related events provided that all precautions against spread of disease are taken and a safe distance of 01 metre (3 feet) is maintained between people gathered in small numbers / close family members after prior intimation to SHO of the area. Assistant Commissioner and SDPO of the area will supervise and as and when necessary provide added force /manpower for compliance.
- 7) Any exemption that may be deemed necessary by the Government

Following conditions will apply to the persons given exemption:

- a) To travel in single number in vehicle but may carry one more as attendant in case there is some medical emergency.
- b) One person per family may go out to buy essential medicines, grocery, etc. with a driver only in the case of elderly or handicapped.

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No: SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona

Karachi, dated the 22nd March, 2020

A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to :-

1. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
2. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
3. The Director General, Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, Karachi.
4. The Senior Member Board of Revenue, Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Chairman, Anti-Corruption Establishment Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Karachi.
7. The Administrative Secretaries of Government of Sindh.
8. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
9. The Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Karachi Registry, Karachi.
10. The Registrar, High Court of Sindh, Karachi.
11. The Commissioner (all) in Sindh.
12. The Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi/Hyderabad/Sukkur.
13. The Deputy Inspector General of Police (all) in Sindh.
14. The Deputy Commissioner (all) in Sindh.
15. The Senior Superintendent of Police (all) in Sindh.
16. The Director, Press Information Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
17. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi.
18. The Superintendent, Sindh Government Printing Press, Karachi for publication in the next issue of Government Gazette and provide copies thereof.


SECTION OFFICER (JUD-I)



Government of Pakistan
PORT HEALTH ESTABLISHMENT,
22-Newly Reclaimed Area, Timber Pond, Keamari, Karachi.
Tel # 021 - 99263052

No.F.64-SH/2020/PHE/634/53

Dated: February 1, 2020

The Chairman,
Karachi Port Trust,
Karachi.

**SUB: TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NOVEL
CORONA VIRUS [2019-nCoV] FOR PORTS.**

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith Travel Advisory issued by the Directorate of Central Health Establishments, Islamabad, on the subject mentioned above for information and further action.

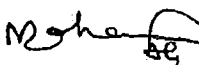
Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. Muhammad Ali Zardari)
Port Health Officer,
Karachi.

Copy to:-

1. The Director General, Ministry of Maritime Affairs [Ports & Shipping], KDL Building, Karachi.
2. The Director General, Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of National Food & Security & Research, Karachi.
3. The Commandant, Maritime Security Agency, Karachi.
4. The Collector of Custom Appraisalment, East Wharf, Karachi.
5. The Collector of Custom Appraisalment, West Wharf, Karachi.
6. The Director, Animal Quarantine Department, Karachi.
7. The Chairman, Dock Labour Board, KDL Building, Karachi.
8. The Director, Marine Fisheries Department, West Wharf, Karachi.
9. The Deputy Conservator, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi.
10. The Chief Medical Officer, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi.
11. The Assistant Director, FIA/Immigration, Karachi Seaport.
12. The Manager, Marine Pollution Control Department, KPT., Karachi.
13. The Dock Security Officer, Karachi Seaport.
14. The President, Stevedoring Contractors, KDL Building, Karachi.
15. The Secretary, All Pakistan Shipping Agents Association, Karachi.
16. The Secretary, Shipping Agents Association, GSA House, Karachi.
17. The Operation Manager, PICT, Karachi.
18. The Operation Manager, SAPT, Karachi.
19. The Operation Manager, KICT, Karachi.


Port Health Officer,
Karachi.



No: F.1-22/Advisory/FEDSD/2020
Government of Pakistan
DIRECTORATE OF CENTRAL HEALTH ESTABLISHMENTS
Ministry of National Health Services Regulations Coordination
Islamabad



Islamabad, January 28, 2020

**SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NOVEL CORONA VIRUS
(2019-nCoV) FOR PORTS**

Background

Keeping in view the emergence of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, China with an increasing morbidity, mortality besides documented spread of the said disease to Thailand, Nepal, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Australia, France, Germany, Canada and USA, the Directorate of Central Health Establishments under Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination has issued advisory/guidelines for awareness at Ports.

The objective of this advisory is to alert and sensitize the health-care authorities and functionaries at Points of Entry especially Ports to be vigilant in the detection of any suspected case who is travelling to/ from any area of China/ endemic zone to strengthen. This will improve the level of preparedness for prevention, control and management of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Sign and Symptoms

The clinical signs and symptoms includes fever, cough and difficulty in breathing. Chest radiographs show Invasive pneumonic infiltrates in both lungs. There must be a history of travel to Wuhan or any other affected area of China within last 15 days along with above symptom to establish suspect.

Treatment:

No vaccine or specific treatment for 2019-nCoV infection is yet available. The patient care is mainly supportive. Ensure hand hygiene and cough etiquette for prevention and personal protection.

In view of above, Directorate of Central Health Establishments under M/O National Health Services Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad has issued the following

HEALTH ADVISORY:

1. No Ships/Conveyance shall be permitted its entry within the Pakistan's Port territory unless the ship operator provides an undertaking of not having any diseased person having sign & symptoms of Novel Corona Virus (2019 nCoV)
2. No person on board is allowed to move to the off shores until clearance from Port Health Department is obtained
3. No personnel shall be permitted in deck areas without wearing disposable mask and gloves
4. No personnel/s from any agency should not be allowed to get on board of the ships/Conveyance without proper protective measures irrespective of China bound/voyaged ships or other.
5. Concerned F.I.A / Immigration are hereby advised to not to issue any Shore Leave Pass to any Personnel on board without health clearance from Port Health Officer till further orders.
6. For all Pakistani crew arriving, there is no obligation to sign off if the personnel did not visit any Chinese city/ports or any effected shores/country within last 15 days or has a history of contact.
7. The Pakistan Customs are hereby advised to check pre-loading health measures certificate for cargo, baggage, parcels, livestock, raw material, used cloths, utensil and raw meat or fish.
8. No Custom examination of cargo should carry out without proper health measures done under the supervision of Port Health Authorities.

9. All second hand goods must be sprayed and certified by PHO.
10. All health related data may kindly be shared with the Port Health Authorities on daily/regular basis.
11. No infected or suspected ship/conveyance shall be permitted for berthing without health measures and shall be isolate at outer anchorage.
12. All Port Authorities are hereby advised to take routine preventive health measures like fumigation, disinfection or disinsection etc. within the territory of port in particular of berth area under the supervision of Port Health Officers.
13. All International Health Documents required routinely as per International agreements (IHR-2005 etc.) remain intact.

In case of above mentioned symptoms immediately contact health authorities.

- Dr. Mohammad Ali Zardari (0321 2046691)
- Dr. Anwar ul Haq (0334 3137560)

Kindly ensure and make it convenient to implement all above health advisory in response to Novel Corona Virus Alert.


(DIRECTOR)

Distribution to:-

- SPS to Secretary, Ministry of Maritime Affairs
- Chairman, Port Authority of Pakistan
- The Director General Health, National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad
- SPS to Secretary, Pakistan Shipping Association
- All Port Health Officers, Port Health Establishment, Karachi/Port Bin Qasim/Gawdar, for strict compliance