

# CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

## UKRAINE

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### Coronavirus, COVID-19

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#### QUOTE

Update on 'COVID restrictions' in Ukraine"

1. There are no specific requirements for ships calling Ukrainian ports, however the pilotage arrangements can differ in some locations and therefore we would recommend the Members / Masters to obtain pre-arrival information / guidance / instructions from the local ships agents beforehand to have enough time for review and arrangements.
2. All ports in Ukraine operate in the usual manner and the current COVID-19 restrictions are not impacting on the cargo operations and logistics. Shore leave can be arranged nowadays via the local ship agents in case of need, though at first the seafarers can be asked by the authorities to provide a grounded reason for their shore leave request.
3. Seafarers are able to receive medical treatment for both COVID and non-COVID issues.
4. Non-Ukrainian citizens in order to enter Ukraine should have medical insurance (covering possible coronavirus treatment), as well as vaccination certificates (with vaccines approved by WHO) OR negative PCR or express-tests for COVID-19 (done 72 hours prior to arrival, at the latest). In the absence of vaccination certificate foreigners upon arrival to Ukraine (in 72 hours after arrival) are subject to self-isolation for 10 days under control of mobile app "Diy Vdoma" which they are requested to install on their smartphones. Self-isolation can be lifted following negative results of PCR or express-test performed in Ukraine. Ukrainian citizens returning to Ukraine are not required to have medical insurance or negative COVID-19 tests results, but self-isolation requirements are the same. Those who have vaccination certificates or got at least one dose of vaccine or those who left Ukraine prior to 04 August 2021 and returned after 05 August 2021 are NOT subject to self-isolation.



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5. There are no special COVID-19 vaccination requirements for seafarers – vaccination in Ukraine for all citizens is still voluntary but not mandatory.
6. Ukrainian government offers free vaccination programs to all Ukrainian citizens (vaccines approved by WHO such as Moderna, Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech and Sinovac are available), seafarers including. Foreign seafarers are able to get vaccines on a commercial basis.
7. As of today, the existing restrictive measures do not significantly impact on legal proceedings and courts in Ukraine. Now the local courts work in a usual regime save in some check control at the entrance to the court premises. Meanwhile the courts used to allow parties to participate in court sessions remotely, i.e., in the premises of another court on a suitable territory or even outside the court using a special software.

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