



URUGUAY

26 JUN 2020

Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 26 June:

QUOTE

Please find enclosed up-dated information on the subject.

UNQUOTE

Correspondent's contact details

CHADWICK WEIR NAVEGACION S.A.
Capt. Alejandro Laborde
Managing Director
Tel. (598) 2916 1168
Fax (598) 2916 2265
Mobile (598) 9560 9651
E-mail alejandro.laborde@chw.com.uy
Website: www.chw.com.uy

This Correspondent's advice is published by The Swedish Club as a service to members. While the information is believed correct, the Club cannot assume responsibility for completeness or accuracy.

CIRCULAR ROU/06/20

Montevideo, 25th June, 2020.

COVID-19

UPDATE ON THE MEASURES IN URUGUAY FOR THE CONTROL OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

From the outbreak of the disease, the Uruguayan Government devised a strategy based on the people's social responsibility, meaning that each person was encouraged to decide whether to self-quarantine or not, rather than order a compulsory lock-down.

Despite this, massive social gatherings were prohibited; kindergartens, schools and universities were not permitted to function as well as most commercial establishments; people older than 65 years old were suggested to stay at home; government offices were closed to public and many private practices started to experiment working from home, as most of the world did.

Some of the measures are listed in chronological order:

- Reinforcement of the measures for the control of respiratory diseases in the face of the epidemic outbreak of the new COVID-19. (29 January)
- Partial border closure, which implies a mandatory 14-day quarantine for passengers coming from countries declared at risk or symptomatic. They are China, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Iran, Spain, Italy, France and Germany, that is, the nations determined to be at risk by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the countries that registered multiple cases and with which Uruguay maintains a daily flight connection. Visitors coming from these places must comply with the defined isolation by law. (13 March)
- Prohibition of disembarkation of passengers and crew members from cruise ships. (13 March)
- Suspension of flights from Europe from Friday 22 March at 00:00 hours. (15 March)
- Total closure of land, river and air borders with Argentina, from Tuesday 17 March at 00:00 hours. Uruguayan citizens and residents in Uruguay, the transport of goods to Argentina and the entry of humanitarian aid are excluded. (16 March)
- Preparation of a border crossing protocol in the National Emergency System, in conjunction with the Ministries of Defence, Interior and Public Health, covering all of Uruguay's borders, especially the dry border with Brazil. (16 March)

- Arrangements for the return of all nationals who are stranded in different countries. Within the framework of intense negotiations, special flights are implemented to guarantee the return, in response to various situations. (18 March)
- Suspension of departure from the country for tourism purposes for Uruguayan citizens and foreign residents. (24 March)
- Preparation of a guide for entering and leaving the country, within the framework of the border closure regime. (24 March)
- Agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a private company and the Uruguayan Air Force to regain connectivity with the city of Sao Paulo (Brazil) and making flights to other destinations, in order to repatriate several Uruguayan citizens who are still stranded. (31 March)
- Announcement of a binational health agreement with Brazil to contain the advance of COVID-19 in the border city of Rivera. (25 May)

Other aspects of this strategy directly associated to the maritime industry are:

- Vessels must report if they have on board crewmembers or passengers who are Chinese nationals or that have embarked in China, clearly specifying the date of embarkation.

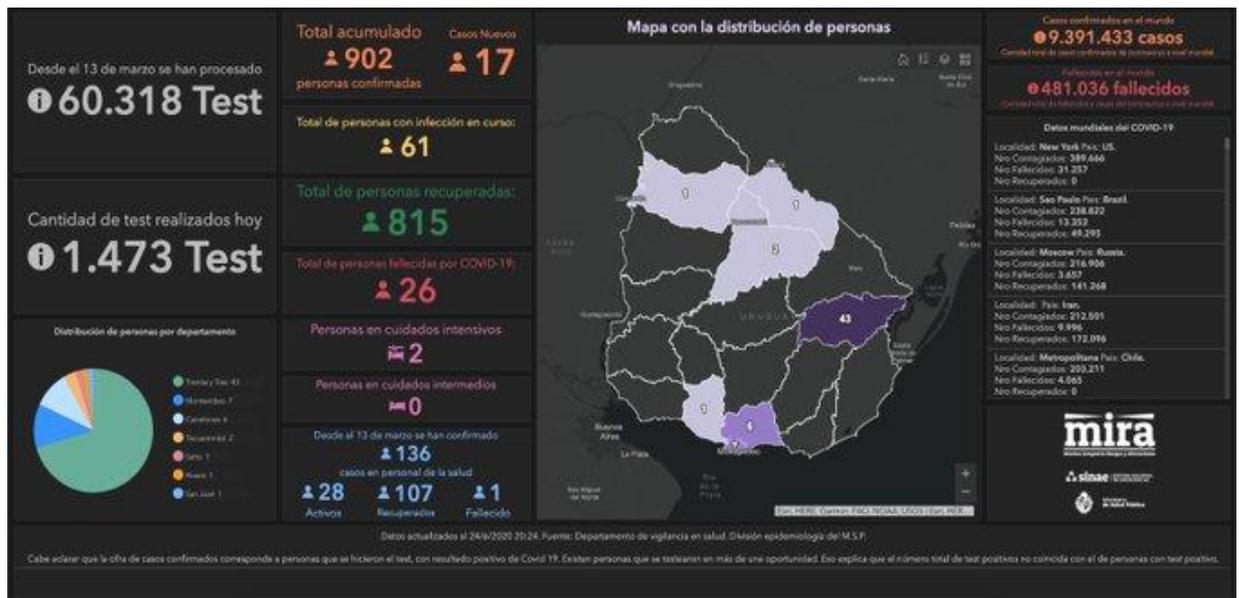
It is reminded that the Health Declaration is an affidavit for which the Master of the ship is responsible. In case of misdeclaration, even if unintentional, the Master could face criminal charges for endangering the public health.

- When the vessel has on board crewmembers or passengers who are Chinese nationals or that have embarked in China, then:
 - a) Before berthing, the Master will be requested to report whether there have been any crewmembers or passengers with fever during the last 48 hours. If affirmative, he will also be required to mention any other additional symptoms that may be present.
 - b) If the Surveillance Service concludes that there may be an infectious transmissible disease, the steps to be taken will be informed, and no access to the vessel will be granted until all requirements have been met.
- It is important to highlight that the two main commercial ports, Montevideo and Nueva Palmira are operating normally.
- Disembarkation of sick crew members (Covid-19 and non-Covid-19) for treatment ashore is allowed on a case to case basis, but sometimes authorities require that a local doctor boards the vessel for a patient evaluation before granting permission.

- Change of foreign nationals locally is not permitted in general, but some exceptions on special requests have been allowed by relevant authorities, on a case to case basis, and also proviso to sanitary rules, i.e. COVID-19 testing negative, 15-day-quarantine, availability of in and out flights, etc.
- Sanitary corridors have been organized for repatriation purposes. There has been a recent cruise ship incident involving almost 200 passengers and crew members, the majority of whom have been already successfully repatriated to their respective home countries through sanitary corridors from the port to the airport.

As of 24th June, Coronavirus figures are as follows:

Total cases:	902
Recovered:	815
Deaths:	26
Currently infected:	61



Source: Epidemiology Division, Ministry of Public Health, Uruguay

Now Uruguay is slowly resuming normality. Businesses are restarting, people is going back to offices abandoning telework and schools have reopened with students returning to the classrooms. Only public shows and sports events are still banned, but the government is working on protocols to allow them a prompt come back.

Source of information: **CHADWICK WEIR NAVEGACION S.A.**
 Tel. (598) 2916 1168
 E-mail chw@chw.com.uy