



PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MINIMISE RISK OF COMMUNITY SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN GEORGIA

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1. Since 02 March 2020, the Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia has implemented different measures in order to avoid the risk of community spread of the CORONAVIRUS Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Georgia.
2. Government of Georgia has also put up health advisories at the sea checkpoints to inform travellers and ship crew on the precautionary measures to take when travelling, as well as to remain vigilant and adopt good hygiene practices.
3. On March 21, Georgian President declared a nationwide state of emergency effective until April 21.
4. Government of Georgia implemented dedicated web page (available in Georgian and English languages) <https://stopcov.gov.ge/>.
5. MTA Georgia implemented MARITIME HEALTH DECLARATION together with its Annexes - ATTACHMENT TO MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH FOR CREW AND PASSENGERS.

Border Restrictions

6. As part of coronavirus (COVID-19) preventive measures, the Government of Georgia made a decision to impose restrictions on the entry of foreign nationals. (some exclusion exist only for diplomatic , international or humanitarian representative)
7. With immediate effect, Georgia will cease port calls for all cruise vessels. Further Precautionary Measures
8. All ships calling the Georgian ports shall at least 24 hours before calling the port submit MARITIME HEALTH DECLARATION together with its Annexes: http://mta.gov.ge/uploads/metxutmete_danarti-converted.pdf
9. If a Ship, her Crew or Passengers entered the countries considered to be High Risk countries (i.e. Peoples Republic of China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Korea, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark or Austria) within last 21 days, they will be subject to Thermal Screening by the authorized officers of Customs Department of the Revenue Service of Georgia.
10. While ship's Master has the obligation to submit completed forms before entering Georgian ports, he/she is also responsible for observing further health of ship's crew and passengers while alongside, at anchorage points or in waiting areas and shall communicate any suspicious cases to the Harbour Master and appropriate authorities of subject Port without undue delay.
11. If submitted documents show the existence of COVID-19 case or after screening the existence of COVID-19 is proved on board the ship, all possible contacts will be restricted with the subject vessel according to the recommendations issued by the World Health Organization.
12. **Pilots acting in Georgian ports must use personal safety equipment while going on-board of all ships, including: Mask, Single Use Gloves and Safety Glasses.**
13. **Harbor Master office requests all crew to put on masks and PPE required for the prevention of spread of virus before meeting with pilot embarking on the weather deck. The Bridge team are also required to put on masks during pilotage. All vessels should follow this guideline closely.**



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