



Republic of the Philippines  
**Bureau of Quarantine**  
Department of Health

**Measures for 2019-nCoV**  
**Seaport**

**Interim Guidelines No. 1**

No Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) Declaration

**For Ship Operators**

- Declare all flu like and pneumonia like symptoms
- Declare all ports of disembarkation in the last two weeks in China
- Limit unnecessary movements outside vessel and limit \*close contact for port operators and authority in ports of Eastern China in particular Xiamen, Ningbo, Shanghai, Qingdao, Dalian
- If possible no provisions of meat products from these areas
- Report to master of vessel once they feel any flu like and pneumonia like signs and symptoms
- Follow handling of ill/infectious cases on board vessel
- Practice respiratory hygiene
- In Philippine shores, limit unnecessary movement outside vessel

**For Port Operators**

- No close contact between port operators and vessel crew of vessel from affected country
  - Limit movements within work areas outside of vessel
  - Report at once to respective medical custodian any worker if they develop any signs and symptoms of flu like and pneumonia like symptoms and follow case definition on management of cases
  - Strict handling of waste disposal of vessel
  - Placement of hand sanitizer in all conspicuous areas of ports
  - Practice hygienic measures including respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette, social distancing and avoiding of crowded areas
  - Stockpiles of N95 mask, training on proper donning and doffing including proper disposal
- Wear these mask in cases where close contact cannot be avoided with crews coming from China
- In the last two weeks

With Declaration of Public Health Emergency of International Concern

**Ship Operator/Port Operator**

- Cancellation of Direct Berthing Privileges for all vessels coming from affected ports
- No disembarkation of crew from vessels coming from affected ports/countries
- Mustering of crew for vessels with reported cases
- If warrants necessary disembarkation of cargoes from affected vessel, no contact between port operators and vessel's crew. Wearing of masks and goggles must be observed and proper disposal of protective gears must be followed.



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- Declaration upon entry of next local port thru the Maritime Declaration of Health if calling for local ports within two weeks' period of stay in the Philippines from China
- Continue Hygienic Measures, respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette, social distancing, avoiding of crowded areas
- Strict handling of waste disposal from vessels coming from China

\*Historically, the area of defined risk has been a **distance of <3 feet around the patient** and is based on epidemiologic and simulated studies of selected infections 103, 104. Using this distance for donning masks has been effective in preventing transmission of infectious agents via the droplet route. However, experimental studies with smallpox 107, 108 and investigations during the global SARS outbreaks of 2003 101 suggest that droplets from patients with these two infections could reach persons located 6 feet or more from their source. CDC: *Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings 2007*