

# COVID-19 Maritime Industry Update 63

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This guideline is for the maritime industry and port supply chain



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# 1. Border worker survey

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You still have a chance to complete the Ministry of Health's Required Testing Order survey which closes at 11.59pm on Sunday (31 January).

The Ministry is conducting a full review of the order so if you haven't completed the survey yet, please take the time to respond. Please share the links below with affected workers and their PCBUs. We ask that you do not share any wider than that so the integrity of responses can be maintained. Please follow the survey links below.

The link for **PCBUs** is here: <https://consult.health.govt.nz/covid-directorate/16f384b7/>.

The link for **affected workers** is here: <https://consult.health.govt.nz/covid-directorate/f2504d26>.

Everyone in the All of Government COVID-19 response appreciate your support in making improvements to the current testing regime.

The Maritime Industry Update is issued weekly, usually in the second half of the week. However, publication days might change when there is a need to provide a quick update.

If you have any questions about updates, or suggestions for what you would like included, please contact Maritime NZ by emailing [MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto:MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz).

## 2. Reporting COVID-19 compliance breaches

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Rules regarding PPE use, social distancing, hygiene and testing are there for a reason – to protect the country from the spread of COVID 19. We need your help to encourage continued compliance and get the message out to the workers in the sector who need to take the appropriate precautions.

If you suspect a PPE breach has taken place, please complete the form available via the link below to report it.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/covid-19-compliance/>

Not every incident reported will constitute a breach, however serious breaches will be followed up. Customs NZ is the designated border order enforcement agency. Maritime NZ and WorkSafe have the powers under HSWA (the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015), to ensure risks are being appropriately managed, which may include COVID-19 related risks.

WorkSafe's powers extend to the port and area surrounding a vessel, while Maritime NZ's role focusses on activities that take place on the vessel.

## 3. Vaccination update

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The Ministry of Health is developing the order of the rollout as the vaccines become available. Vaccine distribution is being finalised however health workers, essential workers and border staff are recognised as being among the earliest groups that will be vaccinated.

Attached you will find a letter to frontline workers stating that border and MIQ workers who currently undergo regular testing, will be among the first to be vaccinated. There's a further document attached providing additional information while the following link will take you to the Ministry of Health's Vaccine Planning webpage - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-vaccine-planning>.

We will keep you updated on any vaccine related developments.

Please be aware that while the vaccination will protect people from the effects of the virus, it is too early to confirm whether or not a vaccinated person could still be a carrier and transmit the virus to others. This means that other measures such as testing, PPE use, social distancing and hygiene practices will still need to be maintained after the vaccine has been administered.

## 4. QR codes

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As noted by Minister Hipkins earlier this week, many of the QR codes around the country are beginning to show some wear and tear and may no longer be working.

For anyone displaying a QR code, please take the time to check it and replace it if it no longer scans. Please also check the QR Code's location and determine whether its position maximises the flow of people.

## 5. Ongoing COVID-19 protocols for affected ships

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For workers who are interacting in any way with an international ship, even if it has fulfilled its 14-day isolation requirement, PPE use, hygiene and distancing practices and testing, will still need to take place.

We have encountered instances where the protocols for interacting with these vessels have not been observed and Maritime NZ will be following up where there are gaps in compliance.

Ships where the people on board are required to be in isolation or quarantine under a COVID-19 order are referred to as 'affected ships'. Anyone connecting with these vessels must follow the PPE, testing, hygiene and distancing guidelines in place.

## 6. Answering your questions

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There are a huge number of stakeholders in the maritime industry and ports' supply chain, and all of you are affected in different ways by COVID-19 and New Zealand's response to it.

If you have questions you would like answered, please email [MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto:MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz) by 5pm, Friday each week.



## 7. Key sources of information

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The following links provide you with key sources of information.

- For all your questions, and to provide information and make suggestions – email Maritime NZ [MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto:MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz)
- Port and maritime guidelines and other information [www.maritimenz.govt.nz](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz) – click on the COVID-19 banner on the home page
- Official health advice, including PPE guidance – Ministry of Health [www.health.govt.nz/](http://www.health.govt.nz/)
- Up-to-date information across the transport sector (land, sea and air) – Ministry of Transport [www.transport.govt.nz/about/covid-19/](http://www.transport.govt.nz/about/covid-19/)
- All New Zealand COVID-19 legislation [www.pco.govt.nz/covid-19-legislation/](http://www.pco.govt.nz/covid-19-legislation/)
- New Zealand’s campaign to stamp out COVID-19 [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)
- Information for businesses operating under alert levels [www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/operating-at-alert-levels/](http://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/operating-at-alert-levels/)
- Wage Subsidy Scheme information [www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/resurgence-wage-subsidy/index.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/resurgence-wage-subsidy/index.html)
- Managed Isolation and Quarantine [www.miq.govt.nz/](http://www.miq.govt.nz/)

### Stamp it out



#### Practise good hygiene →

Wash your hands with soap. Cough or sneeze into your elbow. Clean surfaces.



#### Keep track of where you've been →

If COVID-19 reappears, help our health services reach people quickly to stop any further spread.



#### Stay home if you're sick →

If you have cold or flu symptoms, you should stay home and call your doctor or Healthline.