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**Subject: Request for notification of any person or crew member on board that has a serious illness or any COVID-19 symptoms**

### *Purpose*

This bulletin is to let you know about new reporting requirements that have been added to the *Radio Aids to Marine Navigation*.

### *Scope*

This bulletin applies to the owners, operators and masters of vessels that report to the Canadian Coast Guard through the Marine Communications and Traffic Services Centre (MCTS) in all of the local zones and offshore systems:

- the Northern Canada Vessel Traffic Services Zone (NORDREG)
- the Eastern Canada Vessel Traffic Services Zone (ECAREG)
- the Vessel Traffic Services Offshore (VTS Offshore)
- the Local Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Zones

### *What you need to know*

On top of the usual reports, a vessel's master must also contact the nearest Marine Communications and Traffic Services Centre (MCTS) to report whether any person or crew member on board has a serious illness or any COVID-19 symptoms. Those new reporting requirements can be found in the publication *Radio Aids to Marine Navigation* under sections 3.5 and 3.8.

#### Keywords:

1. COVID-19
2. reporting
3. symptoms
4. illness

#### Questions concerning this Bulletin should be addressed to:

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- The master must also send an update to the MCTS if more people on board start to get sick

Also note that Masters of vessels transiting in Canadian waters west of the St. Lambert lock on the St. Lawrence River and in Canadian waters of the Great Lakes must report whether any person or crew member on board has a serious illness or any COVID-19 symptoms to the closest MCTS Center or any applicable vessel traffic centre.

Foreign flagged vessels and Canadian Flagged vessels arriving in Canada from international voyages are reminded to inform Transport Canada of any illness when submitting the 96 Hour Pre-arrival Information Report (PAIR) and advising Transport Canada of any illness or change in crew health in accordance with the Special Marine Security Notification 2020-007  
<https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-security/operations/special-marine-security-notification-2020-007>

### *Questions?*

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