



**The protocol that is followed in case of  
An infection or suspicion of Coronavirus (COVID 19) onboard a ship  
Coming to Port of Aqaba**

1. If the ship have any infections or suspicion of COVID 19 cases onboard. The ships' agent should informs Jordan Maritime Commission and the other relevant authorities, 48 hours before, at least around (Two – Seven) days the ship's arrival at the port of Aqaba.
2. In turn of The Jordan Maritime Commission, represented by the Director General should inform His Excellency the Governor of Aqaba in order the presence of Corona virus infections onboard ship at the moment of the ship agents reporting the infection.
3. The ship agent make sure that the ships' captain isolates the affected case in a dedicated isolation room. In addition, preliminary sterilization for the ship before the ship's arrival at the Port of Aqaba.
4. The ship agent should take in advance coordination, to prepare any necessary types of equipment with all relevant authorities to receive the ship within strict precautionary measures.
5. The ship agent makes the necessary arrangements with the ship captain to adhere the necessity of the ship's crew to wear safety equipment's, including (gloves, masks, overalls and protective glasses) in accordance to the Jordanian applicable health protocol.

6. In advance coordination between the ship captain and the ship agent. In order to, send all the required documents related to the (Pratique Committee) and other related entities via e-mail, with a view to ensure the safety of the members of the Pratique Committee. In turn, the Pratique Committee should grants a free Pratique via the (VHF) while keeping the quarantine flag (Yellow) raised.
7. The last ten ports of calls by the ship should be reported in advance to Jordan Maritime Commission. In addition to, a health declaration report of the crew list indicating names of the infected/suspected persons. As well as, another report indicating the body temperature of the crew for at least one week.
8. The ship agents coordinates with the ship captain to equip a sterile room with natural ventilation close to the entrance of the ship. In order, to conduct a medical examination (PCR) for the crew, by the Aqaba Health Directorate or approved by them, as per the Jordanian applicable health protocol.
9. As much as possible, reduce the crew contact with all employees at the port of Aqaba on board the ship.
10. The ship captain and the ship agent should submit a written affirm to the Jordan Maritime Commission stating that the seafarers will not disembark at all the ship except the chief officer in order to take the ship draft's readings.
11. For purposes of pilotage and tug services, the pilot of the Aqaba Marine Services Company will not deliver the marine services. If not the ship agent obtained a official letter from the ship captain stating that all areas that the pilot will take on board the ship has been sterilized, with full adherence to wearing protective sanitary equipment's.
12. Make a warning cordon on the ship or put up barriers in order to notify every one of the presence of infected/suspicion COVID 19 cases on board the ship. Concurrently with, keeping the quarantine flag raised up. Furthermore, place a sign of a prohibited area on the jetty.
13. The Port (Jetty) operators should provide, over the 24 hours a port security patrol on board the ship, which is berthing on the jetty until the ship travels. Taking into consideration, the activation of the public safety role of the Aqaba port management and operation company to control violations and hold violators accountable.

14. The ship agent is responsible to pay the fees for each crew member are conducting a PCR examination related to Covid 19 to the Aqaba Health Directorate or a certified laboratory with them. Furthermore, in turn, the last one should provide the shipping agent with the duly financial receipt and the results of the examination with an approved certificate, whether the result is positive or negative.
15. All employees and those who involved in direct contact with the ship and its crew shall be required to wear complete sanitary clothing and equipment's that is used only once to able to get rid it after they finish their tasks. In addition, to sterilize them according to the rules and the applicable health protocol as followed in ASEZA.
16. Intensifying surveillance the ship that have infected cases through surveillance cameras system. According to the port, which the ship is laying up.
17. Start the loading or unloading operations taking into account the highest level of responsibility of precaution and caution, with the necessity of a 24-hour monitoring the ship and crew until leaving the port.
18. For purposes of epidemic investigation and tracing. The operator company should provide Jordan Maritime Commission by a list included of all those who have directly contacted with the ship, since the moment of the ship arrival till leaving the Port of Aqaba. In order to be provided to the Aqaba Health Directorate.
19. The necessity to make sure that all seafarers on board (Aqaba port employees) has been downloaded a safety application (AMAN) on their mobile phones.
20. All relevant parties should keep going on to take all precautionary and preventive measures, before the ship's arrival, during the loading and unloading operations until the moment it will leave the port.
21. Completely sterilizing the ship, which infected or suspicion was found upon before the ship leaving Port of Aqaba.