



Ports and Yachting Directorate

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Ebola Virus **Precautionary measures to be adopted by ships calling at Maltese Ports**

Port Health Authorities in Malta have issued the following protocol to be followed by ship board personnel when observing ill persons on board.

Ask the ill passenger/crew member if they have travelled to Guinea, Sierre Leone, Liberia and Nigeria within the last 21 days and if replies yes to the above questions and also presents with

1. Sudden onset of **fever** or history of **fever** in the past 24 hours and any of the following
 - **intense weakness,**
 - **muscle pain,**
 - **headache**
 - **sore throat**
 - **vomiting**
 - **diarrhoea**
 - **rash on the body**
 - **red eyes**
 - **bleeding from eyes, ears, mouth or other orifices**

Please follow instructions listed below:

1. Inform captain of a suspected case.
2. Captain to inform Dr Martin A Williams, port health doctor on portmedic.meh-health@gov.mt or on telephone Nos 21224810, 23696170/1/2 of suspected case and time ship will dock.
3. Segregate passenger for the remaining journey. If on a cruise liner, passenger kept in medical clinic or in his room. If on a cargo ship, ill crew kept in a room isolated from the rest of the crew. Provide mask to ill passenger/crew member and vomit bag.
4. Assign one crew member to take care of ill passenger/crew member for remaining journey. Crew member must wear mask and gloves when dealing with this ill person.
5. If ill person on board is vomiting or has diarrhoea, designate nearest toilet to this person and do not allow anyone else to use this toilet.
6. On a cruise liner, collect information of family members accompanying this person. On a cargo ship, collect information of other crew members who share same living quarters and work area. Details to collect include:
Name, surname, contact mobile, address where they reside in Malta.

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