

Covid-19 Protocol for crew changes

1. The travel of persons employed as crew on board sea going ships for repatriation and change of crew is considered as necessary and essential and an exemption, in terms of LN 244 of 2020, as amended, may be granted for crew members to join ships at Maltese Ports and Anchorages.
2. Crew changes for persons originating from countries listed in LN 244 of 2020, as amended are subject to the requirements as applicable to other travellers in line:
 - a. Standard Operating Procedure for Public Health Travel Declaration Forms
 - b. Standard Operating Procedure for Passenger Locator Forms
3. Crew changes from other countries are permitted subject to compliance with following:
 - a. Submission of forms as applicable in para 2.
 - b. Seafarers (crew) intending to join a ship in Malta be tested for the presence of the COVID-19 virus in an accredited laboratory 48-72 hours prior to their travelling to Malta.
 - c. Negative results and clean bill of health to be forwarded to the, Port Health Medic on portmedic@gov.mt and copied to quarantine.covid@gov.mt for approval and following which travel to Malta will be permitted. Results not in the English language are to be accompanied by a translation and certified by the Embassy.
 - d. Clearance by the Port Health medic is to be attached to the Public Health Travel Declaration Form and presented to the check in desk on departure.
 - e. Masks/Visors are to be worn by the passenger during the flight, at the Malta International Airport.
 - f. Upon arrival, crew members to be picked up by company representative to proceed to transfer to location of quarantine from the airport (not on ship) and address provided to quarantine.covid@gov.mt
 - g. PPEs and other precautionary measures as required by Health Authorities to be complied with throughout the whole passage.
 - h. All incoming crew need to be admitted directly into quarantine for 14 full days in isolation and tested again within 48 hours of arrival/landing in Malta. Appointments at the public testing centres can be made by contacting 111 or +356 2132 4086 (when calling from a non-Maltese line), giving one's personal details. Details of the appointment and test results must be forwarded to quarantine.covid@gov.mt. All persons who would have arrived in Malta and whose result of testing on arrival did not detect SARS-CoV2, will be required to get re-tested. Such testing needs to be done between 12-13 days from arrival. Such testing may be done in any public or private testing centre. An appointment at the public testing centres can be arranged by contacting 111 or +356 2132 4086 (when calling from a non-Maltese line).
 - i. Since all persons arriving in Malta are required to observe 14 days of quarantine, they are only allowed to leave the place where they are observing such quarantine to attend for a swabbing appointment or if they require urgent medical care. Details of swabbing

appointments or of the requirement to attend for urgent medical care must be forwarded to quarantine.covid19@gov.mt.

- j. All persons still need to observe the full 14-day period of quarantine, regardless of any swab result that does not detect SARS-CoV2.