

PORT INFORMATION NOTICE – No. 01 2020

PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

Important Information – Coronavirus

Dear all,

As an organisation with links to the World, it is crucial that we identify and monitor any circumstances which may affect the health and safety of our employees, customers, suppliers and guests.

Coronavirus is a rapidly evolving situation which the World Health Organisation, the Government and Public Health are monitoring daily.

Whilst we appreciate that there is growing media coverage, Peel Ports would like to offer reassurance that our port operations have not been identified at any higher risk than the rest of the UK.

It is still prudent however, to take provisions to mitigate any risks associated to Coronavirus. In these unprecedented times, it is ever critical that we protect the supply chain for medical, energy, fuel and the food provisions to all citizens of the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Aligned with Government recommendations Peel Ports ask that you join us in making every effort to maintain high health and safety standards for the protection of all employees, contractors and customers - and to aid the effective continuation of the UK supply chain.

We have now taken extra safeguarding measures, which are detailed below. Please note that this guidance is subject to change as the situation is evolving daily.

Incoming Vessels and Traffic

- A strict process has been implemented for the request of Declaration of Health statements from all incoming vessels. Any vessel without an appropriate Declaration, will not be able to enter the Port until isolation measures have been put in place by the appropriate authorities.
- For road traffic, indications that any drivers are of ill health will raise queries. Any red flags may mean access refusal to the Port.

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Travel Guidance

- All stakeholders are urged to familiarise themselves and their teams with the travel advice issued from the UK Government
- Any travellers returning from the specified countries on the Government website who experience flu-like symptoms, must follow the guidance offered and self-isolate for the recommended period.
- All stakeholders are advised to regularly track travel updates.

General Hygiene Awareness

- Good hygiene standards are being advocated through all Ports, with additional signage and hygiene awareness . It is recommended that all employees and visitors should be vigilant with hand washing. Sanitisers are available in reception and welfare areas and we encourage they are actively used.
- Please work with us to promote healthy practices to individuals visiting our Ports by advocating the use of hand sanitisers, soaps, cleaning wipes and disposable towels.

Ongoing Operational Planning

- Peel Ports has implemented robust procedures and guidelines which all areas of the business - leadership teams, management and employees – are expected to follow.
- Continuity planning and risk assessments are established for critical functions across the business and we have additional considerations in place for off-site and remote working.

The decisions we are making rely heavily on the guidance we are receiving from the Government and Public and Port Health. They are intended to protect the health and welfare of our employees, customers, suppliers and guests.

We recognise the uncertainty this global health issue is creating and we are committed to keeping you informed as this situation evolves.

I would like to thank you in advance for joining us in our efforts to continue the support given to the supply chain to maintain the supply of critical products – medical, energy, fuel and food provisions.

As a business of National Importance, we all have an important job to do.

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