

PORT OF BLYTH: RESPONSE TO COVID-19 FOR CLIENTS & VESSELS

24 March 2020

Port of Blyth actions

The health, safety and well-being of our staff, clients and visitors is the Port of Blyth's **number one priority**. We want to do all we can to protect these groups from coronavirus (COVID-19). Please read this document in full and follow any relevant recommendations.

These guidance notes are based on the latest information provided by the [Government](#) and [Public Health England](#). We will update this document as and when significant changes to Government policy or advice from Public Health England occur.

Protecting staff, clients & visitors

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night, it is clear that the country is entering a new phase in dealing with COVID-19.

Having been designated as an essential service, we are taking all possible steps to keep the Port open to allow for vital food and supplies whilst making every effort to ensure the safety of our staff and anyone working on site.

The Port has put in place robust measures to protect our staff including increased hygiene and cleaning routines, isolating key staff (eg pilots and crane operators), social distancing and remote working wherever possible. We ask that all tenants and clients support this action wherever possible to protect everyone working on site.

Please note the following:

- **Tenants**
Tenants have full rights of access as per their tenancy agreements on the basis that they follow all official advice on limiting the spread of COVID-19. Tenants are asked to limit the number of staff on site where possible.
- **Visitors**
Visitors will only be allowed on site in essential circumstances. Please do not attempt to access any site without contacting Port of Blyth beforehand. If any visitor is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including a cough or fever, do not come on site. Follow official self-isolation advice.
- **Health & Safety**
For any concerns or queries relating to Health & Safety, please contact our HR & Safety Manager Stuart Balmer-Howieson on 07725 958 098.

- **Operations**

For any queries relating to Operations, please contact our Senior Operations Manager Kevin Vyse on 07711 006 451.

- **Marine**

For any queries relating to Marine, please contact our Harbour Master Edwin Dick on 07730 050 364.

Port Health

In order to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19, Port of Blyth is requesting the following from all newly arrived vessels:

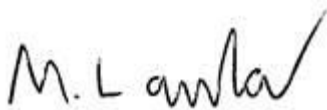
- Provide records for the last 10 ports of call.
- Provide a maritime declaration of health for all crew members on board.
- Follow all Government advice regarding good hygiene practice and the reporting of any suspected cases of COVID-19 on the vessel, whilst berthed at the Port of Blyth.
- Share any concerns with our HR & Safety Manager Stuart Balmer-Howieson on 07725 958 098 or the Marine Department via radio on VHF Ch 12.

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting the preventative steps being taken by Port of Blyth to limit the spread of the virus.

Please note, all information provided above is based on official guidance from the Government and Public Health England. Whilst correct at the time of issuing, there will no doubt be further updates from the Government that will render this information out of date.

For the very latest advice and guidance at any time, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>



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