



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS
INTERIM REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VESSELS
REQUESTING LANDING PRIVILEGES IN JAMAICA_1
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The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) advises that as at February 27, 2020, the travel restrictions resulting from COVID-19 has been expanded to include Italy, South Korea, Singapore and Iran.

Be advised therefore that that any passenger or crew who have traveled from these countries, in addition to China, within the last 14 days will not be allowed to disembark.

Any decision to grant pratique to the other passengers or crew will be dependent on a review of ill persons on board displaying symptoms of fever and/or respiratory illnesses either at the time of landing or during the cruise.

As such the following information must be presented for assessment and decision-making:

1) *Copy of the Medical Logs since the start of the voyage:*

In keeping with the “high risk” situation that the world now faces with respect to COVID-19, cruise lines should insist that all persons with illnesses report to the ship’s medical facility for treatment. We request that travel history, temperatures and the presence or absence of respiratory symptoms are to be recorded and submitted for our review.

2) *Travel History for all persons in the Medical log:*

We request that a travel history must be taken for all persons presenting to the ship’s medical facility. Any person who has a fever and/or respiratory symptoms who has been in a country where there is transmission of COVID-19 should be immediately isolated and close contacts quarantined (refer to the WHO document on Management of Public Health risks on ships).

3) *Temperature log of all persons, including within the last 24 hours prior to arrival, traveling from the countries with travel restrictions within the past fourteen (14) days:*



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We recommend that persons with travel history to countries with transmission of COVID-19 should be monitored on board as if in home/self quarantine. These persons are at risk of exposure to the virus and may be in the *incubation phase* of the disease. The early detection of symptoms and isolation of persons is key to stopping transmission. Therefore persons must be monitored on board the ship and all persons must be encouraged to visit the ship's medical facility if they are unwell. We require that a temperature log must be kept of all persons of interest and submitted to the authorities in Jamaica.

- 4) Updated Maritime Declaration of Health within four (4) hours of the ship's arrival.