



# MONTROSE HARBOUR

EAST OF SCOTLAND

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 1, 2020

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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Montrose Port Authority hereby gives notice that the following now applies to all vessels visiting the Ports of Montrose.

Under UK and International Health Regulations, vessels entering port are normally required to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health only when there has been an occurrence on board that may affect public health.

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID -19, additional requirements to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health will now apply.

In response to this emerging situation regarding COVID-19, Health Protection Scotland and the Scottish Ports Liaison Network require that information be submitted to the Scottish Port Health Authority of the ports in the table below in the following cases irrespective of whether the vessel is arriving from a foreign port or another UK port:

- Cruise Vessels
  - ALL cruise vessels
- Container and Cargo Vessels
  - Where anyone on board the vessel has travelled from or via any [current risk area](#) or if they have been in close contact with confirmed case of COVID-19 infection within the 14 days prior to the vessel arriving in a Scottish Port.

The information we require is the same as that required in the current MDH and should therefore allow the Port Authority to establish

- Any persons unwell during the voyage and/ or on arrival, and any sanitary measures taken in response to that illness
- Origin of the ship, when it left the origin port, and all ports where the vessel has docked during the 14 days prior to arrival.
- Any crew changes involving people from risk areas

We ask that the master of the vessel submit the information using the current MDH form, where possible, for convenience.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever or acute respiratory infection with at least one of cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. The Master of the ship should consider these as grounds for suspecting the existence of a disease of an infectious nature in addition to those listed on the current MDH.

Where a port operator or ship's agent receives notice that there are ill persons on a vessel then:

If the suspected case is a medical emergency, you **must** call 999 for medical assistance and you **must** inform attending services that the case has originated from a COVID-19 risk area or has had contact with a confirmed case. DO NOT disembark the patient or arrange alternative transport to a hospital until advised to do so. Also ask the Harbour Master to inform the NHS Public Health (local Health Protection Team) and the Port Health Authority (the local authorities).

If the suspected case is not seriously ill you must notify the relevant NHS Health Protection Team (See list below). Contact details for the case must be provided with sufficient information to allow the Health Protection Team to determine follow up action. This will include symptoms, duration, contacts and travel history. DO NOT disembark the suspected case.

Further information can be found on the [Health Protection Scotland](#) and [World Health Organization](#) websites.

The following are the contact details for submitting your Maritime Declaration of Health. These should be emailed to both email addresses.

Montrose Port	Telephone Number	Email Address
Angus Council (Port Health Authority)	03452 777 778	<a href="mailto:EnvHealth@angus.gov.uk">EnvHealth@angus.gov.uk</a>
Montrose port Authority	01674 672 302	<a href="mailto:marineoperations@montroseport.co.uk">marineoperations@montroseport.co.uk</a>

The following are the contact details to inform the Health Protection team of NHS Tayside

Montrose Port		Telephone number
NHS Tayside Health Protection team	0900hrs-1700hrs	01382 596976
	Any other time	01382 660111

Radio Channel for Harbourmaster: VHF Channel 12

#### **Further Information:**

##### **Health Protection Scotland**

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/wuhan-novel-coronavirus/>

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-risk-areas/>

##### **World Health Organization**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

**NOTE** : Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

Capt. Thomas Hutchison  
Harbour Master  
Montrose Port Authority  
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