MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS WITH SUSPECTED/CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES ONBOARD AT MALAYSIAN PORT

1. Before arrival at the Malaysian port, the shipping agent:
   a. must inform the Port Health authority of any suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19 on board.
   b. advise Master/ Captain of the ship regarding isolation of suspected/confirmed COVID-19 cases as soon as possible to minimize transmission of the virus.
   c. should arrange and co-ordinate the medical transport and booking of private Quarantine Station (QS)/PKRC/hospital in advance.
   d. should make an arrangement of RT-PCR by private practitioners for all crew at the wharf.

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2. On arrival at the port:
   a. Agent to inform Port Health officers for inspection of vessel/ documentation.
   b. Ship quarantine order will be issued by Port Health Officers. No cargo operation /embarkation or disembarkation of crew or ground workers allowed throughout the quarantine period.
   c. For all crew, Rt-PCR test to be done at the wharf by private medical practitioners (depending on the severity of the case). Should the suspected crew be unstable, the crew is allowed to be taken to any private facility for further investigation and management.
      - For positive cases
        o Assess for severity and refer to:-
          ▪ private PKRC for categories 1 and 2
          ▪ private hospital for categories 3,4 and 5
      - For negative cases
        o quarantine crews onboard for 14 days and repeat RT-PCR on day 10.
        o If there is no suitable quarantine area onboard (such as a cabin with an attached bathroom), the shipping agent must arrange for quarantine facilities onshore.
3. **Arrangement for COVID-19 vaccination for unvaccinated crew**
   
a. The shipping agent should arrange for COVID-19 vaccination for all unvaccinated crew at approved private health facilities.
   
b. For positive cases, the vaccination is to be arranged after completion of treatment or discharge from the hospital.
   
c. Vaccination for other crew to be done after day 10 of quarantine period provided that their RT-PCR test on day 10 is negative.
   
4. Ship operators and shipping agents are responsible for all medical expenses of the crew including quarantine, hospitalisation and vaccination cost.
Before arrival
The ship operator or the shipping agent must inform the port health authority of any case/suspected case of COVID-19 on the ship.

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Arrival at Port with positive case onboard

Verification

+ve

Assessment

Cat 1 & cat 2

Private PKRC

Completed treatment/quarantine

Cat 3, 4, & 5

Private Hospital

Plan for vaccination (if not yet vaccinated)

-ve

RT-PCR COVID-19 test

+ve

Result

-ve

Isolation onboard/private QS

Vaccination before sign-off (if not yet vaccinated)