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Update on Notice to Mariners re COVID-19

After recent discussions the Scottish Government Health Department has now decided that the Covid Declaration is no longer required.

As a reminder any vessel entering Orkney Islands waters from an international destination must always submit the Maritime Declaration of Health.

However, Ship's Masters are also reminded that under The Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Regulations 1971 (as amended 1974, 1978, 2007) it is still a requirement to report to the Port Health Authority any infectious disease, *including* Covid-19, and circumstances that may lead to transmission of infectious disease, where detected. Regardless of the previous port of call.

A copy of the Maritime Declaration of Health can be found in Annex 8 of the International Health Regulations 2005 and a copy has been attached to this memo.

Please be aware that information on any infectious diseases will be shared with the NHS Orkney Health Protection Team, who will help advise of any actions necessary.

The wellbeing of those both on board vessels and living on the Orkney islands is of the utmost importance to us and we hope that following the latest guidance will help to ensure this.

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