



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB)

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## Conclusion of COVID-19 Public Health and National Emergencies

The U.S. National Emergency to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic ended on April 4, 2023. The Public Health Emergency issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expired on May 11, 2023. Consequently, the mask requirement issued by the CDC for all persons travelling on commercial vessels entitled *Requirements for Persons to Wear Masks while on Conveyances and at Stations, Ports, or Similar Transportation Hubs* expired on May 11, 2023. The following MSIBs are no longer in effect:

02/20 Change 7	COVID-19, Actions for Vessels Arriving in U.S. Ports – Update	05/07/2021
06/20	COVID-19: Vessel Reporting Requirements for Illness or Death	03/13/2020
07/20 Change 2	COVID-19: Port and Facility Operations	05/07/2020
08/20 Change 5	COVID-19: Mariner Credentials	12/22/2020
09/20	COVID-19: Vessel Inspections, Exams, and Documentation	03/26/2020
10/20	COVID-19: Guidance for Maritime Operators on Compliance with Federal Drug Testing Requirements	03/27/2020
12/20	COVID-19: Vessel and Facility Response Plans	04/02/2020
13/20 Change 3	COVID-19: Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC®) Operations	04/21/2020
14/20	COVID-19: Ballast Water Management (BWM) Extensions	04/09/2020
02/21 Change 5	COVID-19: Safety Requirements in the Maritime Transportation System	04/19/2022
04/21	COVID-19: Crew Change Issues	03/17/2021
07/21	COVID-19: Spotlight on the Mental Health of Mariners	05/20/2021

Although COVID-19 specific requirements outlined in these MSIBs have sunsetted, the Coast Guard notes that all vessel, facility and mariner requirements codified in the Code of Federal Regulations remain in effect. The Coast Guard shared email addresses [nomask@uscg.mil](mailto:nomask@uscg.mil) and [crewchangeissues@uscg.mil](mailto:crewchangeissues@uscg.mil) are no longer monitored.

Vessel owners and operators are still encouraged to monitor the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/> for the most up to date post-pandemic guidance. Vessel owners and operators are reminded, 42 C.F.R. § 71.21 requires the Masters of vessels destined for a U.S. port to report immediately to quarantine station at or nearest the port at which the ship will arrive, the occurrence, on board, of any death or any ill person among passengers or crew (including those who have disembarked or have been removed) during the 15-day period preceding the date of expected arrival or during the period since departure from a U.S. port (whichever period of time is shorter). Guidance to vessels to report deaths and illnesses to the CDC can be found at: [Cargo Vessels and Cruise Ships](#).

Questions concerning this notice may be forwarded to Coast Guard Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, at [cgcvc@uscg.mil](mailto:cgcvc@uscg.mil).