



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Port of Philadelphia
200 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Pipeline # 010-2020
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TO: Vessel Agents/Operators and Terminal Operators

SUBJECT: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Notification of an Ill Vessel Crewmember(s)

To ensure the safety and well-being of individuals who may be exposed to an ill vessel crewmember(s) or vessel passenger(s), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) within the Area Port of Philadelphia requires vessel agents to notify CBP prior to a vessel's arrival if there is any vessel crewmember(s) or passenger(s) on-board displaying possible signs of illness.

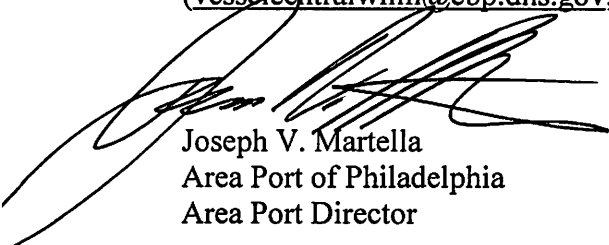
In the event there is an ill crewmember(s) or passenger(s) on-board the vessel, CBP will need the following information prior to the vessel arrival:

- Vessel crewmember(s) and/or vessel passenger(s) biographical information;
- Date vessel crewmember(s) and/or vessel passenger(s) began voyage on the vessel;
- Vessel port(s) of call within the previous 14 days **and** dates of those ports of call;
- Specific signs of illness that are being displayed by the vessel crewmember(s) and/or vessel passenger(s); and,
- Expected date, time, and arrival at the port.

Providing the requested information to CBP prior to the vessel arrival will ensure appropriate communication and a coordinated inter-agency response to minimize the potential spread of illness to individuals who could have been exposed. Without this information CBP will not be able to board or permit unloading.

Vessel agents needing to contact CBP within the Port of Philadelphia should contact Vessel Central (VESSELCENTRALPHL@cbp.dhs.gov; Primary Phone: (215) 596-1975; Secondary Phone: (215) 872-0970).

Vessel agents needing to contact CBP with the Port of Wilmington should contact Vessel Central (vesselcentralwilm@cbp.dhs.gov; 302-326-0600 Ext. 119).



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