



## Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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### Novel Coronavirus Precautions

US Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, TX is monitoring the novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) which is causing an outbreak of pneumonia-type illness in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, or difficulty breathing which are similar to a lower respiratory illness.

To further protect the health of the American public during the emergence of the novel coronavirus any vessel calling on the Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone or Sabine Lightering Zone will be additionally screened for the following:

1. Do you currently have any crewmembers with one or more of the symptoms of Coronavirus listed above? If so, please include the name and position of the crew members.
2. Which symptoms have they exhibited, and when did they first appear?
3. Has the crewmembers in question visited China within the past 14 days?
4. Has any of the crewmembers been in contact with anyone exhibiting symptoms of the coronavirus in the past 14 days?
5. If so, had the ill person recently been to China within the past 30 days?

As per 42CFR71.21, the Master of a ship destined for a U.S. port is required to immediately report the onboard occurrence of ANY death or ANY ill person among passengers or crew to the quarantine station with jurisdiction over the port at which the ship will arrive.

The Quarantine Station with jurisdiction over the MSU Port Arthur COTP Zone and the Sabine Lightering Zone is located in Houston, Texas and can be contacted at (281)230-3874. The link below provides guidance for cargo ships for reporting onboard illnesses or death:

<http://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cargo/reporting-deaths-illness/index.html>

**If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500 or the MSU Port Arthur Arrivals Desk at (409) 460-0794.**

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