

Attestation for Commercial Transportation of Disembarking Crew for Cruise Ship Operators under a No Sail Order Response Plan

This attestation is only applicable to cruise ship operators who have previously signed the *Acknowledgement of No Sail Order Response Plan Completeness and Accuracy* and for their ships that have met CDC’s criteria for a “Green” ship. Prior to receiving permission to disembark crew by commercial transport, the cruise company signs this unaltered attestation and provides it to CDC at eocevent349@cdc.gov. Once CDC has received and cleared the attestation, CDC will post the name of the ship on its website to inform transportation partners (e.g., Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, and airlines) that the cruise ship operator may arrange commercial travel for crew from that ship. The attestation will be valid from the time of CDC’s clearance until the ship’s status changes due to a breach in the conditions of the attestation, or the end of the NSO period. See accompanying directions for more information on ship status.

The extension to the No Sail Order signed by the CDC Director on April 9, 2020, and effective on April 15, 2020, requires cruise ship operators to submit an appropriate, actionable, and robust plan that adequately prevents, mitigates, and responds to the spread of COVID-19 on board cruise ships. Cruise ship operators who have previously signed the *Acknowledgement of No Sail Order Response Plan Completeness and Accuracy* may use commercial transportation to repatriate or transfer crew only from ships that are unaffected by COVID-19, i.e., ships that have met CDC’s criteria for a “Green” ship.

The President and Chief Executive Officer of the operating cruise company, the Chief Ethics and/or Compliance Officer of the operating cruise company and all parent companies, and the highest-ranking Medical Officer of the operating cruise company and all parent companies must sign the following attestation with respect to the cruise ship from which crew are being disembarked:

In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 1001, I do hereby certify that the following conditions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief for _____:
(Insert Name of Cruise Ship Above)

- A qualified medical professional has determined that there has been no one on board with COVID-like illness¹ or confirmed COVID-19 within the past 28 days per the illness surveillance requirements under No Sail Order response plan. Commercial travel will not occur if COVID-like illness or confirmed COVID-19 is detected.
- If this ship received ship-to-ship² transfers within the past 28 days, crew must have come from a ship that had no confirmed COVID-19 or COVID-like illness within the 28 days before the transfer occurred.

¹ COVID-like illness means acute respiratory illness (ARI), influenza-like illness (ILI), or diagnosis of pneumonia.

² Ship-to-ship transfers are defined as any movement of crew between ships.

- Per the No Sail Order response plan, medical staff will screen disembarking crew members for signs and symptoms of COVID-like illness prior to their disembarkation, using temperature checks, visual observation for illness, and use of health questionnaires.
- Per the No Sail Order response plan, the cruise ship has followed the most current CDC recommendations and guidance³ for any public health actions related to COVID-19, including but not limited to those related to providing cloth face coverings to disembarking crew members.
- The cruise ship operator will ensure any land-based embarking crew are quarantined for 14 days immediately upon embarking the ship.

I acknowledge that any false or misleading statements or omissions may endanger health and safety, including but not limited to the loss of lives and other irreparable harm. Therefore, false or misleading statements or omissions may result in criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages, and imprisonment.

Signature Official 1

Date

Name and Title

Signature Official 2

Date

Name and Title

Signature Official 3

Date

Name and Title

³ CDC recommendations and guidance are based on the best available science and current understanding regarding COVID-19 and are subject to change. The signer of this document is attesting that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief it is true and correct that the cruise ship has complied with CDC's recommendations and guidance for any public health actions related to COVID-19 that are publicly available as of the date of signature.