

N M/V Hondius Passenger Interview – May 10, 2026

Thank you for your time this morning/afternoon. Our goal for this call is to cover a few questions we have regarding your current state of health, and to provide a few instructions regarding over-the-counter medication use, prior to you departing the ship. We also want to make time for questions that you may have for us.

However, before we get to those points, we want to take a moment to acknowledge the extraordinarily difficult experience you have been through, and to echo that your safety and wellbeing are the sole reason our team is here.

We would like to start by asking you about specific symptoms and whether you have experienced them today. We are asking about these symptoms as early identification is important to ensure appropriate care and treatment

1. Have you experienced fever today?
 - a. If Y:
 - i. Did you take your temperature with a thermometer, and what was the reading?
 - ii. When did you start experiencing the fever?
 - iii. What were prior temperature readings, if any?
 - iv. Have you taken any fever-reducing or pain medications, such as Tylenol or ibuprofen, for the fever today?
 1. If yes, which medication?
2. Have you experienced nausea or vomiting today?

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- a. If Y:
 - i. When did you start experiencing nausea or vomiting?
 - ii. Has the nausea or vomiting worsened, improved, or stayed the same since then?
 - iii. If vomiting, how many episodes have you experienced?
 - iv. Have you taken any anti-nausea medications, such as Zofran, today?
 1. If yes, which medication?
3. Have you experienced diarrhea today?
 - a. If Y:
 - i. When did you start experiencing diarrhea?
 - ii. Has the diarrhea worsened, improved, or stayed the same since then?
 - iii. How many bowel movements over the days?
 - iv. Have you taken any anti-diarrheal medications, such as Imodium or azithromycin, today?
 1. If yes, which medication?
4. Have you experienced chest pain today?
 - a. If Y:
 - i. When did you start experiencing chest pain?
 - ii. Has the chest pain worsened, improved, or stayed the same since then?
 - iii. Have you taken any pain relief medications, such as Tylenol or ibuprofen, for the pain?
 1. If yes, which medication?
5. Have you experienced muscle aches today?
 - a. If Y:
 - i. When did you start experiencing muscle aches?
 - ii. Has the muscle pain worsened, improved, or stayed the same since then?
 - iii. Have you taken any pain relief medications, such as Tylenol or ibuprofen, for the pain?
 1. If yes, which medication?
6. Have you experienced a cough today?
 - a. If Y:
 - i. When did you start experiencing the cough?
 - ii. Can you describe the nature of the cough (e.g. dry, productive)?
 - iii. Has the cough worsened, improved, or stayed the same since then?

- iv. Have you taken any anti-cough medications (e.g. benzonatate, tessalon perles) for the cough?
 - 1. If yes, which medication?
- 7. Have you experienced new or worsening difficulty breathing/shortness of breath
 - a. If Y:
 - i. When did you start experience difficulty breathing or shortness of breath?
 - ii. Has the difficulty breathing worsened, improved, or stayed the same since then?
 - iii. Have you taken any medications for the shortness of breath (e.g. inhaler)?
 - 1. If yes, which medication?

Thank you for your answers to these questions.

Lastly, before we get to any questions you may for us, we wanted to ask that you please refrain from taking any medications for fever, nausea, or pain, prior to disembarking the ship. This is to help us better identify any new symptoms that may develop during your time in transit to Nebraska.

With that, we would like to see if you have any questions related to these topics, or any others that we can potentially address, in the time that we have left.

Once wrapping up: Thank you again for your time. We wish you all the best on your journey to shore and onward journey back home.