The Port is implementing a preventive action plan to impede an infectious disease outbreak. Specific elements include:

• Suspending all non-cruise related activities and use of our Cruise Terminals until further notice.
• Enhancing surface hygiene, cleaning procedures, sanitization of cruise terminals, Port buildings and public areas, including disinfecting of all hard surfaces.
• Promoting protective measures for employees to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

The cruise industry has enacted several measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

• Cruise lines are denying boarding to all persons who, within 14 days prior to arrival at a U.S. port, have traveled from or through the affected areas consistent with prevailing travel advisory from global health authorities. These screening protocols are in line with recommendations from the CDC to mitigate and prevent the spread of viruses and illness. These screening protocols are to effectuate these prevention measures; including
• Cruise lines are conducting preboarding guest and crew screening for, anyone suspected or diagnosed as having COVID-19, or who is 15 days prior to arrival at a U.S. port. Guidance to vessels on reporting deaths and illnesses to the CDC can be found at: https://go.usa.gov/xdjmj. U.S. flagged commercial vessels are also required to report to the CDC any sick or deceased crew/passengers during the 15 days prior to arrival at a U.S. port under 33 CFR 160.216 and must be immediately reported to the U.S. Coast Guard Captains of the Port (COTP) under 33 CFR 160.206. Cases of persons who exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must be reported to the COTP back to back with the CDC. See, Van, Saito, Korea, Japan and any other affected countries under CDC travel advisory should call the U.S. health department (CHD) prior to entering enter a case by case basis.

• Cruise lines are conducting preboarding guest and crew screening for COVID-19. They are also assessing the health of all passengers aboard: • Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; • Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue; • Avoiding close contact with people who are sick; • Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing; • Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household bleach cleaner swipe as appropriate guidance from global health authorities. These screening protocols allow for flexible decision making when there is no sick or not more than 25% of the scheduled cruising capacity will initially be allowed to disembark.

Terms until further notice.

• Cruise lines are promoting protective measures for employees to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. These include:
• Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household bleach cleaner swipe as appropriate. The Port recommends contacting individual cruise lines with questions. Port leadership has worked closely with our cruise and cargo partners on contingency plans with operational adaptations to limit any spread of virus on our Port grounds.

The vessel’s captain, a Port Canaveral employee, state and local government agencies – like the U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health – work together to determine if a person showing symptoms needs to disembark. The CDC does not recommend that asymptomatic, healthy people wear a face mask to protect themselves from acquiring illness, including COVID-19. Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to protect others. The use of a face mask is also critical for health workers and people who are sick to prevent spreading the illness to others (at home or in a health care facility).

The Port is the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus:

• Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
• Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with people in poor health.
• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
• Cleaning your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then disposing of the tissue.
• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
• Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household bleach cleaner swipe as appropriate.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath.

• Fever:
• Coughing:
• Shortness of breath:

Healthy people do not need to wear a face mask to protect themselves. The best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida can be found at: www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19. This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

If a person has had close contact with someone showing these symptoms:

• If you or someone you know has recently traveled from an area under CDC travel advisory or has been in contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, they should call ahead to their health care professional and the county health department (CHD) and mention their recent travel.

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The Florida Department of Health has been working closely with our cruise and cargo partners to coordinate our efforts with federal, state and local government agencies – like the U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health – in response to guidance issued by Florida Governor DeSantis. This remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.