



**The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System**  
*Le réseau Grands Lacs - Voie maritime du Saint-Laurent*

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2020 – Notice to Shipping #9

NIAGARA REGION

WELLAND CANAL

**OPENING OF COMMERCIAL NAVIGATION IN THE WELLAND CANAL  
UNDER COVID-19 RELATED MEASURES – REVISED 1 APRIL 2020**

This notice supersedes Notice to Shipping No.2. Revisions include changes to the reporting requirement.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation has put a series of measures in place to ensure the continuity of operations in the Welland Canal section of the St. Lawrence Seaway for both domestic and ocean vessels. These measures are designed to maintain an efficient transportation system while safeguarding the welfare of all personnel.

For ocean vessels coming into the St. Lawrence Seaway, adherence to the 96 hour advance notice of arrival to the Government of Canada is essential. In addition, all crew members of domestic and ocean vessels must be monitored for symptoms of the virus. **For any confirmed or suspected cases of the virus on board, ships must notify the appropriate Traffic Control Center by telephone as described below:**

- Ships between CIP2 and mid-Lake Ontario must call St. Lambert Traffic Control at: 450-672-4110 ext. 2232
- Ships between mid-Lake Ontario and CIP16 must call Niagara Traffic Control at: 905-641-1932 ext.5370

New restrictions on transportation mean that all cruise ships carrying 500 or more people will be prohibited from entering Canadian waters. Consequently, cruise ships should monitor Transport Canada communication channels for further updates, as these stipulations may change in the future.

Please note that there may be limited capacity to assist ships requiring mooring lines for a lockage at a lock equipped with Hands-Free mooring. Operators of such ships requiring the use of mooring lines are required to contact the Seaway Traffic control center. The Seaway Traffic control center will advise on the order of turn and estimated schedule of entry into the canal.

In addition, in order to protect our employees, limitations to interfaces **are in effect as described** in Seaway Notice No.10.

Please be assured, the current health crisis related to COVID-19 has our full attention and the situation is being constantly monitored. We will keep you informed of any changes.

St. Catharines, Ontario  
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