



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

SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 20 - 2020

COVID-19 Notification Requirements

Due to the recent increase in reported cases of COVID-19 throughout the Great Lakes Seaway System and the adjoining provinces and states in Canada and the U.S., SLSMC is issuing a reminder to all vessel operators and mariners of the requirement to promptly notify the nearest Traffic Control Center of any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. Notification requirements are detailed in [MLO Notice to Shipping #17](#) and [Niagara Notice to Shipping #9](#). In addition to the Seaway requirements, [Transport Canada](#) and the [U.S. Coast Guard](#) have also issued directives which contain monitoring and reporting requirements when operating in Canadian or U.S. waters respectively.

In addition to the above requirements, vessel operators are strongly encouraged to notify the Seaways, Transport Canada or the U.S. Coast Guard if a mariner is confirmed to have contracted COVID-19 within 14 days of departing a vessel which has operated in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System. This notification will greatly increase the efficacy of contact tracing with other members of the maritime community such as pilots, agents, facility operators and lock personnel. Additionally, vessel operators whose vessels have departed the Seaway System and, within 14 days of departing pilotage waters, have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 are also strongly encouraged to contact the Seaways, Transport Canada or the U.S. Coast Guard.

Vessel operators are reminded that vessel personnel are to wear all Personal Protection Equipment as per health authorities' requirements, especially while external parties are to board the vessel.

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