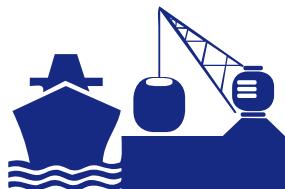
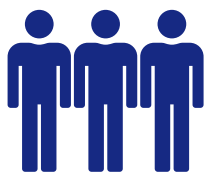


MANAGEMENT OF EVENTS ON BOARD SHIPS



ACUTE PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS



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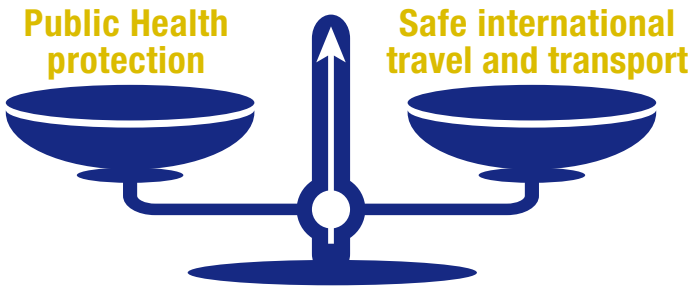
Ports play a key role in managing Public Health Events and preventing international spread of diseases

A wide variety of risks on board ships



+ A potential gateway for international epidemics 

A need for a balanced response to guarantee



INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

Authorities and stakeholders have to manage events on board ships to limit impact on ports, and avoid international spread of diseases.



DETECT & MANAGE PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS ON BOARD SHIPS

STEP 1

NOTIFY PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS TO COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

STEP 2

VERIFICATION & PRIMARY RESPONSE



CONFIRM occurrence of event & collect information

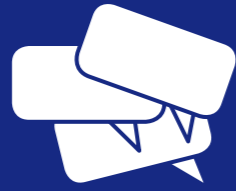


Ascertain IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS (evacuation, ambulance, health care...)

EVENT DETECTION



Previous port of call



Informal channels

Ship Master



Ship inspection



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STEP 5

HEALTH MEASURES

STANDARD PROCEDURES

- Quarantine and isolation
- Hand hygiene
- Personal protective equipment
- Handling of patient medical care equipment
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Vector control



SPECIFIC CONTROL MEASURES are needed if

- Specific symptoms: sign of infection, Gastro-Intestinal or Influenza Like Illness symptoms
- Unusual illness
- Death
- Cluster/Outbreak

STEP 3

RISK ASSESSMENT



- Event description
- Primary overview
- Impact assessment
- Containment capability



STEP 4

DECISION MAKING



COMMUNICATION - MONITORING

WHO provides States Parties, ports, and ship operators, with guidance to manage public health events on board ships: to better prevent spread of diseases, and to assist them in contingency planning and implementation of health measures.

This guidance is a "toolbox" from which countries can select the most relevant elements to address their own needs.

To download the complete guidance including the guide
“Handbook for the management
of public health events on board ships”

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