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Re Official Information Request – Ruby Princess Visit

I refer to your official information request dated 7 April 2020 requesting the following information:

Can you please provide copies of all documentation (including notes, memos, reports, forms etc) held by the DHB in relation to the Ruby Princess's planned visit to Auckland on March 17 (which did not occur). This includes documentation sent to or from the ship in the five days preceding the ship's visit, and the time since its visit.

I am responding from Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) as the DHB responsible for Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

ARPHS provides public health services to all three metro Auckland District Health Boards – Waitemata District Health Board, Counties Manukau Health and Auckland District Health Board, and the populations they serve. ARPHS's core role is to protect and promote public health.

Notwithstanding competing pressures on ARPHS with respect to COVID-19 the answers to your questions are as follows:

As the Ruby Princess did not proceed to Auckland no exchange of correspondence occurred other than on 15th March 2020 the Ruby Princess Administration Officer sent to ARPHS a copy of the Maritime Declaration of Health dated 16th March 2020. ARPHS checked the Ports of Auckland website prior to the anticipated arrival and found that the proposed visit to Auckland had been cancelled. No further actions occurred.

The above mentioned Maritime Declaration of Health is attached; however, all the personal details of individuals have been redacted (under section 9 (2) (a) of the Official Information Act 1982) in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I trust this is the information you were seeking.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive



Maritime Declaration of Health

To be completed and submitted to the competent authorities by the masters of ships arriving from foreign ports.

Submitted at the port of: TAURANGA

Date: 16 MARCH 2020

Name of ship or inland navigation vessel: Ruby Princess

Registration/IMO No. 9378462

Arriving from: SYDNEY

Sailing to: AKAROA

(Nationality) (Flag of vessel): Bermuda

Master's name: COMMODORE GIORGIO POMATA

Gross tonnage (ship): 113561

Tonnage (inland navigation vessel): 113561

Valid Sanitation Control Exemption/Control Certificate carried on board?

Issued at: SYDNEY

Date: 05 DEC 2019

Yes No

Reinspection required?

Yes No

List of ports of call from commencement of voyage with dates of departure, or within past 30 days, whichever is shorter:

Sydney, 08TH MARCH 2020

Number of crew members on board: 1148

Number of passengers on board: 2647

Upon request of the competent authority at the port of arrival, list crew members, passengers or other persons who have joined ship/vessel since international voyage began or within past 30 days, whichever is shorter, including all ports/countries visited in this period (add additional names to the attached schedule):

(1) Name:	joined from: (1)	(2)	(3)
(2) Name:	joined from: (1)	(2)	(3)
(3) Name:	joined from: (1)	(2)	(3)

Has ship/vessel visited an affected area identified by the World Health Organization? Only requires completion if a public health emergency of international concern has been announced. If unsure, please contact a health protection officer at a public health unit.

Yes No

Port:

Date of visit:

HEALTH QUESTIONS

Yes No

1. Has any person died on board during the voyage otherwise than as a result of accident?
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
Total number of deaths:
2. Is there on board or has there been during the international voyage any case of disease which you suspect to be of an infectious nature?
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
3. Has the total number of ill passengers during the voyage been greater than normal/expected?
How many ill persons: 18
4. Is there any ill person on board now?
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
5. Was a medical practitioner consulted?
If yes, state particulars of medical treatment or advice provided in attached schedule.
6. Are you aware of any condition on board which may lead to infection or spread of disease?
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
7. Has any sanitary measure (eg. quarantine, isolation, disinfection or decontamination) been applied on board?
If yes, specify type, place and date: Isolate / disinfection as per protocol
8. Have any stowaways been found on board?
If yes, where did they join the ship (if known)?
9. Is there a sick animal or pet on board?

Note: In the absence of a surgeon, the Master should regard the following symptoms as grounds for suspecting the existence of a disease of an infectious nature:

- (a) fever, persisting for several days or accompanied by (i) prostration; (ii) decreased consciousness; (iii) glandular swelling; (iv) jaundice; (v) cough or shortness of breath; (vi) unusual bleeding; or (vii) paralysis
- (b) with or without fever: (i) any acute skin rash or eruption; (ii) severe vomiting (other than sea sickness); (iii) severe diarrhoea; or (iv) recurrent convulsions.

I hereby declare that the particulars and answers to the questions given in this Declaration of Health (including the Schedule) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

[Signature]

Master

Countersigned

[Signature]

Ship's Surgeon (if carried)

Date:

15/03/20

Attachment to Maritime Declaration of Health

Name	Age	Sex	Nationality	Port, date joined ship/ vessel	Nature of illness	Date of onset of symptoms	Reported to a port medical officer?	Disposal of case*	Drugs, medicines or other treatment given to patient	Comments
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 11 Feb 2020	Acute gastroenteritis	9 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Loperamide	Afebrile, completed isolation, asymptomatic
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 13 Jan 2020	Influenza A	9 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Oseltamivir	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Upper respiratory illness	8 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Aspirin gargle	Afebrile, well, asymptomatic
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Upper respiratory illness	8 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Nil	Afebrile, well, asymptomatic
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Influenza A	8 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Oseltamivir	Afebrile, completed isolation, asymptomatic
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Acute gastroenteritis	9 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Loperamide	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Acute gastroenteritis	11 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Loperamide	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3 Aug 2019	Influenza A	11 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Oseltamivir	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Acute gastroenteritis	11 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Loperamide	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	29 Sep 2020	Influenza A	12 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Oseltamivir	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Influenza Like illness	13 Mar 2020	Yes	Recovered	Oseltamivir	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Influenza A	13 Mar 2020	YES	Recovered	Oseltamivir	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 15 Dec 2020	Influenza A	14 Mar 2020	YES	Isolated	Oseltamivir	Afebrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Influenza A	14 Mar 2020	Yes	Isolated	Oseltamivir	Febrile
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Sydney, 8 Mar 2020	Influenza A	14 Mar 2020	Yes	Isolated	Oseltamivir	Febrile

