

CRUISE SHIP CREW REQUIREMENTS



Cruise Ships or
Crew Status



Does the Face Mask
Order* Apply?










Routine Screening
Testing Frequency for
Ships with Approved
Port Agreements



Is Commercial
Transportation
Permitted?



Is Non-commercial
(Private)
Transportation
Permitted?

 GREEN Ships [†]	YES	Every 2 weeks	YES	YES
 YELLOW ships	YES	Not applicable[‡]	NO	YES
 ORANGE ships	YES	Every 2 weeks	YES	YES
 RED ships	YES	Weekly	NO	YES
 Crew who recovered from lab-confirmed COVID-19 in the past 90 days	YES	Resume routine testing 90 days after the previous positive test. If experiencing COVID-like symptoms , test immediately.	Yes, crew member must meet CDC criteria to end isolation and ship should provide medical certificate stating crew member is cleared to travel.	YES
 Crew requiring non-urgent medical care	YES	According to ship status	According to ship status	YES
 Crew requiring urgent medical care	Yes, unless mask cannot be tolerated or interferes with medical care.	According to ship status	Cruise ships should coordinate with the shoreside healthcare facility and the U.S. Coast Guard. Urgent medical evacuations never require CDC approval.	

* Learn more about CDC's order for face masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs here: <http://bit.ly/maskrequired>

[†] Green ships include provisionally green ships which meet the surveillance criteria for "Green" status, but the ship has not submitted a signed attestation to CDC for crew to travel commercially. Commercial travel is not permitted for provisionally green ships.

[‡] Ships meet "Yellow" criteria when they have 1 or more pending COVID-19 test results due to lack of onboard testing capability.

- Cruise ship operators must follow all requirements as specified, regardless of the vaccination status of the people on board. Crew vaccination does not affect a ship's color-code status.
- Find a ship's status here: <http://bit.ly/shipcolorstatus>. If a cruise line is not listed, it means the cruise line is not operating and does not plan to operate any of its ships in U.S. waters during the period of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order.
- All maritime vessels that do not fall under the [Framework for Conditional Sailing Order](#), including cargo and container vessels, do not need CDC approval to embark or disembark crew members.
- Crew can contact CDC directly with any questions or concerns at eocevent431@cdc.gov.



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