This guide can be used by ship officers, managers, or medical center staff to understand their ship’s status under CDC’s Conditional Sailing Order (CSO).


‡ Repeatedly inconclusive or invalid viral test results are those unable to register a positive or negative reading for COVID-19.

¶ Other common respiratory infections identified on cruise ships include influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), Streptococcal pharyngitis, and Legionella.

§ CDC requires daily submission of the EDC reporting form during the Conditional Sailing Order (CSO).

Green Ship Criteria:
• If the ship received ship-to-ship transfers within the past 14 days, crew must have come from a ship that was not Red.
• Land-based crew were immediately quarantined for 14 days upon embarking the ship.
• Ship submitted the Enhanced Data Collection (EDC) During COVID-19 Form§ daily to CDC.

* If your ship is Yellow:
• If test results are available within one week, re-assess status using results and this flowchart.
• If test results are not available within one week, ship is red.