



## Fact sheet: Information for non-commercial vessels (this includes leisure boats, yachts and superyachts)

This fact sheet provides information for non-commercial vessels, including leisure boats, yachts and superyachts, arriving in Australian territory from an overseas location. It also applies to non-commercial vessels that have been in contact with an international vessel.

Information for international travellers can be found on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice for international travellers](#) page of the Department of Health's website.

### What are the requirements for non-commercial vessels arriving into Australia?

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) biosecurity officers inspect all non-commercial vessels including leisure boats, yachts and superyachts, at the first port of arrival in Australian territory. This process also applies to any non-commercial vessels which have been in contact with an international vessel.

All crew and passengers must:

- **Not** disembark from their vessel until they are directed by a DAWE biosecurity officer.
- **Not** load or unload goods until they are directed by a DAWE biosecurity officer.
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE - face mask)\* when performing essential vessel functions at the port.
- Stay more than 1.5m away from and decrease time spent with others, such as port staff and government officers.
- Practise good hand hygiene and good sneeze/cough hygiene:
  - Wash hands often with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser, before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet.
  - Cough and sneeze into the elbow or a clean tissue, dispose of the tissue and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Wear PPE\* in public spaces on-board the vessel when others are on-board.
- Report if they have or had in the past 14 days any symptoms of fever (37.5°C or above), cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, night sweats, chills, loss of smell or loss of taste.
- Follow the directions of the state or territory health department and any directions given by the DAWE biosecurity officer or a human biosecurity officer.
- Be aware of the relevant state or territory quarantine rules before arriving into the first port in Australian territory.
- Be aware of state and territory rules and restrictions for domestic travel and travelling between domestic ports.

\*If needed, DAWE biosecurity officers can provide face masks to crew and passengers.

### What should non-commercial vessels do if a crew or passenger is sick?

Non-commercial vessels must report any crew or passengers who have been sick in the past 14 days to DAWE. This includes cold or flu-like symptoms. Reports can be made either through the Maritime Arrivals Reporting System (MARS) or to Australian Border Force or DAWE officials on arrival. Further reporting details are located on the [DAWE website](#).

## Do any maritime quarantine exemptions apply to non-commercial vessels?

There are no blanket exemptions (e.g. maritime crew exemptions for commercial vessels) to mandatory quarantine for crew or passengers entering Australia on a non-commercial vessel. Crew or passengers requiring an individual exemption should contact the relevant state or territory prior to arrival.

**Quarantine is enforced under state and territory public health legislation.**

**Crew and passengers should be aware of the relevant state and territory requirements before disembarkation.**

## More information

For international travel restrictions:

- Visit <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

For state and territory travel restrictions and quarantine requirements:

- For links to each state or territory webpage on travel restrictions, go to [www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/local-state-and-territory-health-departments](http://www.health.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/local-state-and-territory-health-departments)

For reporting requirements:

- Contact the National Maritime Centre on **1300 004 605** (operating hours 6.30am-6.30pm Australian Central Standard Time or via email at [maritimenc@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:maritimenc@agriculture.gov.au). For urgent after-hours enquiries, call **+61 417 666 648**).

For general COVID-19 information:

- For the latest health advice, information and resources, go to [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au).
- Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on **1800 020 080**. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting, call **131 450**.
- If you have concerns about your health, speak to a doctor.

For infection prevention advice for vessels:

- See the **Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for the maritime industry** fact sheet at [www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-marine-industry](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-marine-industry).