

ON BOARD MEDICAL ADVICE AND MANAGEMENT



MEDICAL ISSUE

COVID-19 pandemic management

MEDICAL INFORMATION RECEIVED

A crew member, while on board, experienced symptoms of weakness, cough, dyspnea and loss of taste and smell. SHIPMEDCARE's doctors were contacted. Subsequently, another crew member with similar symptoms appeared and the whole crew had tests for Covid-19: 5 results came back positive.

SHIPMEDCARE ACTION

Crew members with symptoms were placed in isolation for 14 days, as per SHIPMEDCARE's doctor suggestion. For the next days their symptoms were closely monitored, and crew testing was advised. Upon receiving 5 positive covid-19 tests, the doctors recommended to divide the crew to three groups: 1) covid-19 positive members, 2) covid-19 negative members, who have been in close contact with positive persons or/and have any symptoms, and 3) covid-19 negative members who seemed healthy and had no close contact with positive members. For the following 14 days, the first group was in quarantine, and the other two worked in shifts without mixing with the other, following the doctors' advice. The crew members' condition, symptoms and temperature were under constant monitoring and surveillance. When tested again, only 2 test results were found positive, from the isolated group. They were advised to remain in isolation for another week, and then take another test. The members with negative PCR tests, who previously had positive results also were to remain isolated. They were again monitored until the suggested quarantine period was over and they were tested negative, before returning to their duties.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Condition monitored, symptoms improved, case resolved.

AVOIDED

Port medical examination, deviation expenses, delay in Cargo delivery

ESTIMATED SAVINGS THROUGH SHIPMEDCARE'S INTERVENTION USD 50,000+