

Pre-Boarding Medical Screening for COVID-19

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1 Purpose

Outlines Medical staff responsibilities and recommendations for secondary screening and risk management of individuals prior to boarding or sailing.

1.1 Risk criteria for Secondary Screening by Medical Staff

- **Screening should include:**
 - Possible contact with suspected or confirmed case(s) of COVID-19, including contact with anyone diagnosed with an acute respiratory disease (ARD) within the last 14 days.
 - Positive PCR or other rapid [e.g., antibody, antigen] test within the last 14 days.
 - Symptoms consistent with COVID-Like-Illness (CLI) case definition, including fever or symptoms of acute respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath) within the last 14 days.
 - Travel history within 14 days to an area with community spread of COVID-19.
 - Medical condition that may compromise the individual's immune system.

2 Process

2.1 Medical Response to Pre-Boarding Traveler's Health Declaration

- Check-in staff should refer to *Pre-Boarding Terminal Screening for COVID-19*, which outlines the primary screening and secondary Medical screening referral process.
- All guests, crew, contractors and visitors are required to complete the Pre-Boarding Health Declaration.
- For individuals referred for secondary medical evaluation, Medical staff should reference the *Pre-Boarding Medical Screening for COVID-19 process and Pre-Boarding Medical Screening Form for COVID-19*.
 - Medical staff should conduct a secondary screening evaluation of any individual that is visibly unwell or identified with a risk criterion during primary screening.

- Interview the individual in a pre-designated area of the terminal.
 - Minimize close contact (stay at distance of 2m/6ft) where possible. If the individual is symptomatic, instruct them to put on a surgical mask. If at risk for COVID-19, medical staff should use standard airborne, and contact precautions such as gloves and N95 mask. Use non-contact thermometer to assess temperature.
 - Consultation fees for pre-boarding evaluations should be waived.

2.1.1 Additional Secondary Screening Required

- **Individuals requiring additional secondary medical screening before being allowed to board**
 - Individuals that respond 'Yes' to any question on the *Pre-Boarding Health Declaration*.
 - Individuals with a primary screening [e.g., not taken by Medical staff] temperature reading of $\geq 38\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ / $\geq 99.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$, or temperature threshold as defined by jurisdictional health authority and/or operator.
 - Individuals observed by check-in staff with any active signs of acute respiratory illness or other illness symptoms of public health concern [e.g., vomiting, diarrhea].
 - Individuals that report a medical condition that may compromise their immune system.

2.1.1.1 Individuals cleared to board

- Those who answer 'No' to all questions on the *Pre-Boarding Health Declaration*.
- Individuals with pre-existing or chronic conditions explaining signs or symptoms reported in Question 1, and verified [e.g., doctors note, medical records, recent negative PCR testing within Company approved timeline prior to boarding] following secondary screening by Medical staff.
- Individuals with normal temperature following secondary medical review and repeated temperature assessment by Medical staff.
- Individuals that attest/provide doctors note that acknowledges any risks associated with compromised immune system.

2.1.1.2 Individuals not permitted to board the ship

- Individuals and their close contacts who have experienced any of the listed signs and symptoms, which are absent a verifiable alternative diagnosis [e.g., such as a chronic condition], within the last 14 days.
- Individuals who have been in close contact or cared for a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient.
- Individuals and their close contacts that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

2.1.1.3 Procedure for Guests that are not Permitted to Board

- Medical staff should inform these individuals that they are *“Not Permitted to Board the Ship”*.
- Medical Staff who are uncertain whether it is safe to allow the individual to board or not should consult with Vikand’s Chief Medical Officer and Ship Captain or Cruise Company Designee.
- Medical staff should contact the Customer Services / Guest Relations team to process the necessary actions including the delivery of the standardized “Not Permitted to Board” letter.
 - Screening information should be retained in a secured physical or electronic location.
 - An entry should be made in the medical interaction log
 - Record the details of the onward travel arrangements for the individual and their traveling group (if known).
 - Escort Guest or Crew via a dedicated separate and discreet corridor for return home or direct hospital referral

- As necessary, Medical staff in consultation with Company should liaise with port agent and local health authorities on forward travel arrangements for individuals actively symptomatic, suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients
 - Referral health facilities should be notified in advance of patient transfer, including the person's travel history and symptoms.