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# Cruise Ship Color and Commercial Travel Status

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**CDC is committed to helping cruise lines provide for the safety and well-being of their crew members while onboard cruise ships and as they disembark.** CDC is allowing crew members to disembark from all cruise ships in U.S. waters with certain precautions. Cruise lines with complete and accurate response plans are able to use commercial travel to disembark crew members from certain ships if the ships meet certain criteria set by CDC. Criteria include no confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) or COVID-19-like illness onboard the ship within the last 14 days. These ships are also able to lessen certain social distancing restrictions onboard. Cruise lines with complete and accurate COVID-19 response plans but not meeting the above criteria will still be able to disembark their crew members using noncommercial travel. Cruise lines must have measures in place to ensure those involved in transport are not exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 and follow all CDC requirements to prevent interaction of disembarking crew with the public. Additionally, CDC recommends that all eligible port personnel and travelers (passengers and crew) get a COVID-19 vaccine when one is available to them.

## Criteria for Commercial Transport of Crew

Ships that request the use of commercial travel for disembarking crew members will need to meet the following criteria:

- **A COVID-19 response plan** that is complete and accurate
  - This does not mean ships are allowed to resume passenger travel, but rather that they have met CDC's requirements to provide a safe environment for crew members to work and to disembark crew safely by noncommercial travel.
  - Cruise company officials must sign an acknowledgment of the completeness

and accuracy of their response plan.

- **No confirmed cases of COVID-19 [1] or COVID-19-like illness [2] for 14 days, as determined by a qualified medical professional.**
- **If the ship has received ship-to-ship transfers, the crew must have come from a ship that does not meet the Red [criteria](#) within the 14 days before the transfer occurred.**
- **If land-based crew embarked, they were immediately quarantined for 14 days upon embarking the ship.**
- **Submission of a signed attestation for commercial travel.**

**Meeting these criteria does not mean cruise ships can resume passenger operations. Cruise lines need to establish [additional safety measures](#) before sailing with passengers is permitted to resume. CDC will continue to evaluate and update its recommendations as the situation evolves.**

All cruise ships operating in U.S. waters, or seeking to operate in U.S. waters, must comply with all of the requirements under the [Framework for Conditional Sailing Order](#) and [Technical Instructions](#) even when outside U.S. waters.

This page will be updated routinely with a list of cruise ships allowed to transport crew members commercially.

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1. Confirmed COVID-19 means laboratory confirmation for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, by NAAT.
  2. COVID-19-like illness includes acute respiratory illness (ARI), influenza-like illness (ILI), or diagnosis of pneumonia, and additional COVID-19-like illness (aCLI) clinical criteria.

## Status of COVID-19 Response Plans and Commercial Transport of Crew

As a prerequisite for requesting commercial travel, cruise lines must have a complete and accurate response plan that provides a safe environment for crew members to work and disembark during the initial phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order. CDC has provided feedback regarding all the response plans that have been submitted and is working with the cruise lines to ensure they are implementing the safeguards outlined in their plans.

The following table lists cruise ships operating or planning to operate in U.S. waters during the initial phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order and have met surveillance reporting requirements.

Determination for [color-coding status](#) and ability to operate in U.S. waters (Green, Yellow, Orange, or Red) can only be made for ships if the following are true:

1. CDC has finished the review of the cruise line's plan.
2. Cruise line has returned an acknowledgement attesting that their No Sail Order response plan is complete and accurate.
3. Ship has submitted at least 4 weeks of surveillance data to CDC in accordance with the Technical Instructions.

*This table is updated several times a week, as needed. Last updated May 6, 2021.*

| Parent Company                      | Cruise Line                  | No Sail Order Response Plan Status                | Ship Name           | Ship Status | Con Travel Allowed |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line</b> | Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Grand Classica      | Green       | Yes                |
| <b>Carnival Corporation</b>         | Carnival Cruise Lines, Inc.  | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Carnival Breeze     | Green       | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Conquest   | Orange      | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Dream      | Green       | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Ecstasy    | Orange      | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Elation    | Green       | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Freedom    | Red         | No                 |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Glory      | Orange      | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Horizon    | Green       | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Liberty    | Orange      | Yes                |
|                                     |                              |                                                   | Carnival Mardi Gras | Orange      | No                 |

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|  |                      |                                                   | Carnival Miracle   | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Carnival Panorama  | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Carnival Pride     | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Carnival Sensation | Orange | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Carnival Sunrise   | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Carnival Sunshine  | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Carnival Vista     | Orange | Yes |
|  | Holland America Line | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Koningsdam         | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Nieuw Amsterdam    | Orange | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Nieuw Statendam    | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Noordam            | Red    | No  |
|  |                      |                                                   | Westerdam          | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Zuiderdam          | Green  | Yes |
|  | Princess Cruises     | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Caribbean Princess | Red    | No  |
|  |                      |                                                   | Coral Princess     | Orange | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Emerald Princess   | Green  | Yes |
|  |                      |                                                   | Grand Princess     | Orange | Yes |
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|                                           |                               |                                                   | Royal Princess          | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Ruby Princess           | Orange | Yes |
| <b>Walt Disney Company</b>                | Disney Cruise Line            | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Disney Dream            | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Disney Fantasy          | Green  | Yes |
| <b>MSC Cruise Management (UK) Limited</b> | MSC Cruises                   | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | MSC Armonia             | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | MSC Meraviglia          | Green  | Yes |
| <b>Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings</b>     | Norwegian Cruise Line         | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Norwegian Jewel         | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Norwegian Sun           | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Pride of America        | Green  | Yes |
| <b>Royal Caribbean Group</b>              | Celebrity Cruises             | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Celebrity Edge          | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Celebrity Equinox       | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Celebrity Solstice      | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Celebrity Summit        | Green  | Yes |
|                                           | Royal Caribbean International | Complete and accurate with signed acknowledgement | Allure of the Seas      | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Brilliance of the Seas  | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Enchantment of the Seas | Green  | Yes |
|                                           |                               |                                                   | Explorer of             | Green  | Yes |

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|  |  |  | Freedom of the Seas      | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Grandeur of the Seas     | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Independence of the Seas | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Liberty of the Seas      | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Mariner of the Seas      | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Navigator of the Seas    | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Oasis of the Seas        | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Rhapsody of the Seas     | Orange | Yes |
|  |  |  | Serenade of the Seas     | Green  | Yes |
|  |  |  | Symphony of the Seas     | Green  | Yes |

\*Provisionally Green: Ship meets the surveillance criteria for “Green” status, but the ship has not submitted a signed attestation to CDC for crew to travel commercially.

‡Commercial Travel Allowed: Allowed for ships that are “Green” or “Orange” and have submitted a signed attestation to CDC for crew to travel commercially.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Is the process for crew disembarkation under the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order different from the process during the No Sail Order period?**

No, the process for crew disembarkation required during the No Sail Order period remains the same during the initial phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order.

## Why is CDC requiring ships to routinely test all crew members during the phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order, including those on “Green” ships?

The purpose of testing during the phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order is to ensure cruise ship operators have adequate health and safety protections for crew members while they build the onboard laboratory capacity needed to test crew and future passengers. There also continue to be potential exposures on board — including on “Green” ships — such as from newly embarking crew members, crew transfers, and contractors.

## What steps is CDC taking to make sure ships stay in compliance with the criteria for commercial transport of crew?

CDC will review daily surveillance data provided by ships, and only those ships that do not meet “Yellow” or “Red” criteria will maintain this status.

## What other changes can cruise ships make if they meet the criteria for commercial transport?

CDC is committed to helping cruise lines provide for the safety and well-being of their crew members onboard. As cruise ships are able to show they have no cases of confirmed COVID-19 or COVID-19-like illness onboard, crew members will be able to resume some of their daily interactions with fellow crew members.

Some examples of decreased restrictions on cruise ships if they meet these criteria include resuming in-person meetings, events, and social gatherings; and reopening bars, gyms, or other group settings onboard for crew member use.

## What does it mean if a cruise line or cruise ship is not listed on the table above?

If a cruise line or cruise ship is not listed, it means one of the following:

- CDC has not been notified that the ship is intending to operate in U.S. waters during the period of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order, or

- CDC has not completed the review of the cruise line's plan, or
- Cruise line has not returned an acknowledgement attesting that their No Sail Order response plan is complete and accurate, or
- Ship has not submitted at least 4 weeks of surveillance data to CDC in accordance with the Technical Instructions.

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