



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations

CDC is allowing crew members to disembark from cruise ships in U.S. waters and return home if cruise lines submit a signed attestation stating that they have complied with requirements to safely disembark their crew members.

CDC shared information with all cruise lines in US waters on April 23, 2020, to help crew members return home safely. Since then, several cruise lines have requested to disembark crew through this process, and CDC stands ready to approve these requests with same-day turnaround. The list on this page provides the latest information on signed attestations that CDC has received from cruise lines and approved to safely disembark crew. *This list is updated daily.*

CDC helping cruise ship travelers

Learn [what CDC is doing to help cruise ship travelers during the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

Emergency Medical Disembarkations

The CDC will continue to support urgent medical evacuations of crew in U.S. waters and ports, either by air or land ambulance. Emergency medical evacuations should be coordinated with U.S. Coast Guard and the receiving medical facility and do not require CDC approval. CDC has notified all cruise lines as well as federal, state, and local partners that the No Sail Order of April 15 will not prevent crew members from receiving emergency medical care.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements of the attestation that cruise lines are required to sign before crew can disembark, or transfer to another ship?

By signing the attestation form, cruise ship operators agree to follow specific conditions that are designed to allow crew to safely disembark while protecting public health, including the following:

- Arrange to transport crew members to their final destination (US or overseas) by industry-chartered private transport, industry-chartered private flights, or personal vehicles (no rental cars, taxis, or ride-share services) with measures in place to ensure neither those involved in transport nor other members of the public are exposed to the disembarking individuals.
- Screen disembarking crew members for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Ensure crew members with known exposures to COVID-19 are transported separately from those with no known exposure.
- Provide face coverings, such as a cloth face covering, to disembarking crew members or confirm that they have their own face coverings.
- Instruct disembarking crew members to stay home for 14 days and continue to practice social distancing after reaching their final destination.
- Ensure disembarking crew members:
 - will not stay overnight in a hotel before the flight or at any point until they reach their final destination
 - will not use public transportation (including taxis, rental cars or ride-share services) to get to the airport/charter flight
 - will not enter the public airport terminal
 - will not take commercial aircraft after an initial charter flight
 - will not have a transportation layover exceeding 8 hours
 - will not have interaction with the public during their travel home or to their new duty station (e.g., rental car companies, restaurants, other public areas)

Why is CDC requiring that cruise officials sign a legal attestation?

Requiring a signed attestation helps ensure that the information provided by cruise officials as a condition of disembarking or transferring crew is truthful and accurate. By signing the legal attestation documents, cruise line officials certify that the information they provided to CDC is truthful and accurate. If the information is not truthful and accurate, these officials are subject to the criminal penalty provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. It is common to ask corporate officials in other settings to certify that statements made to the U.S. Government on behalf of the corporate entity are true and correct, such as in a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filing or when seeking payment reimbursement under Medicare.

What is CDC's legal authority for preventing crew who are U.S. citizens from disembarking cruise ships? —

CDC is using its legal authority under the No Sail Order and 42 CFR 71.31(b), 71.32(b) to stipulate specific conditions for the safe disembarkation of crew in a manner that will not endanger the public's health. Having cruise lines sign a legal attestation is one method of ensuring that these conditions have been or will be met. CDC is not detaining crew who are U.S. citizens or preventing them from entering the United States. We are hopeful that more cruise lines will take the necessary steps to ensure that their crew members get home safely in a way that will not risk the health and safety of our communities.

Why are crew members required to use noncommercial travel if they are on a "COVID-free" ship? —

At this time, given the limited availability of testing onboard ships and inconsistent reporting from cruise ships, CDC does not have confirmation or evidence that any cruise ship is free of COVID-19. We are currently in a phase of the pandemic where it is necessary to implement strict measures to control the spread of COVID-19. Just as the American public has a role to play by practicing social distancing, cruise lines have a role to play in limiting the contact their crew members have with the public when disembarking. This is why CDC has provided instructions for the safe disembarkation of crew in a manner that will not endanger the public's health. We are hopeful that more cruise lines will take advantage of the opportunity to use the attestation process. Crew members who remain at sea and want to disembark should contact their cruise ship or cruise line about meeting CDC requirements for safe disembarkation and transport.


Why are legal penalties included in the attestation form? —

CDC requires cruise lines to sign an attestation form to verify that the information they provide to CDC is true and accurate. Legal penalties would only be applied if the cruise line knowingly submitted a false statement, which could pose further risk to the public's health.

What are the legal penalties for knowingly submitting a false attestation form? —

The sentence for this crime can include 5 years in federal prison and a fine.

Are ships required to comply with the No Sail Order if they are not operating in U.S. waters? —

CDC's [No Sail Order \(NSO\)](#)  applies to all cruise ships operating, or seeking to operate, in waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction. CDC recommends that all cruise lines follow the same guidance for safe travel to protect the public's health, including conducting a medical screening at disembarkation, providing face coverings, and advising crew members to stay home for 14 days after disembarking.

Cruise lines that are unable or unwilling to abide by all elements outlined in the [NSO](#) and CDC's [Interim Guidance for Cruise Ships During the Period of the No Sail Order](#) must remain entirely outside U.S. waters during the period of the NSO. Cruise ships that expect to operate in U.S. waters in any capacity or for any length of time must follow all elements outlined in the NSO and in the Interim Guidance, even while outside of U.S. waters.

However, the NSO does not apply to ships operating entirely outside of U.S. waters. Foreign jurisdictions may impose their own restrictions or requirements on cruise ships.

CDC has provided [Interim Guidance](#) for cruise ships during the period of the No Sail Order to help inform the plans that cruise lines develop to prevent, detect, contain, and respond to COVID-19 on their ships.

CDC is committed to the safety and well-being of crew members while onboard and as they disembark. Crew members on ships in or intending to be in US waters who have questions about the process for disembarkation or who have concerns about what their ship is doing to prevent COVID-19 onboard can share their questions or concerns with CDC by sending an email to eocevent431@cdc.gov

CDC is also reminding all cruise lines in U.S. waters or seeking to operate in U.S. waters of these requirements. With the assistance of its federal, state, and local partners, CDC stands ready to direct ships that do not comply to leave U.S. waters. CDC also reminds cruise ship operators that those who do not comply may be subject to criminal penalties.

Cruise Ship Crew Member Disembarkations Approved by CDC (April 15, 2020 – Present)

Last updated on May 15, 2020

Vessel Name	Cruise line	Parent Company	Date Submitted	Number of Crew Affected	Country of Repatriation
Scarlet Lady	Virgin Voyages	Virgin Cruises Intermediate Limited	4/23/2020	2	United States
Grand Celebration	Bahamas Paradise Cruise Lines	Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line	4/24/2020	27	Honduras
Caribbean Princess	Princess Cruises	Carnival Corporation	4/25/2020	13	Argentina
Caribbean Princess	Princess Cruises	Carnival Corporation	4/25/2020	181	Peru
Seven Seas Mariner	Regent Seven Seas Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	4/25/2020	5	United States
Coral Princess	Princess Cruises	Carnival Corporation	4/27/2020	4	Ecuador
Scarlet Lady	Virgin Voyages	Virgin Cruises Intermediate Limited	4/28/2020	6	United States
Liberty of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	4/29/2020	1	United States

Norwegian Joy	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	4/30/2020	348	Philippines
Oceania Sirena	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/1/2020	270	Philippines
Oceania Marina	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/1/2020	9	Philippines
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/1/2020	161	Philippines
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/1/2020	6	Dominican Republic
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/2/2020	198	Peru
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/3/2020	1	United States
Disney Fantasy	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/2/2020	34	Various Non-U.S.
Disney Dream	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/2/2020	26	Various Non-U.S.
Disney Magic	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/2/2020	15	Various Non-U.S.
Disney Magic	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/2/2020	3	United States
Disney Wonder	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/2/2020	3	United States
Disney Dream	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/4/2020	409	Various Non-U.S.
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	89	St. Lucia
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	69	St. Lucia
Oceania Marina	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	1	St. Lucia
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	2	United States

Norwegian Gem	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	1	Greece
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	45	Indonesia
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	215	Indonesia
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	5	Various Non-U.S.
Oceania Marina	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	39	Various Non-U.S.
Oceania Sirena	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	19	Various Non-U.S.
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/4/2020	78	Various Non-U.S.
Disney Fantasy	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/4/2020	479	United Kingdom
Disney Magic	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/4/2020	139	Various Non-U.S.
Disney Magic	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/4/2020	4	United States
Norwegian Joy	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/5/2020	151	Indonesia
Symphony of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/5/2020	6	United States
Celebrity Reflection	Celebrity Cruises	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/5/2020	4	United States
Harmony of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/5/2020	3	United States
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/5/2020	87	Indonesia
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/5/2020	496	Indonesia
Oceania Marina	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/5/2020	15	Indonesia

Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/6/2020	68	Honduras
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/6/2020	131	Honduras
Oceania Marina	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/6/2020	117	Honduras
Oceania Sirena	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/6/2020	40	Honduras
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/5/2020	2	United States
Mariner of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/6/2020	1	United States
Koningsdam	Holland America Line	Carnival Corporation	5/6/2020	38	United States
Koningsdam	Holland America Line	Carnival Corporation	5/6/2020	21	Canada
Celebrity Summit	Celebrity Cruises	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/6/2020	1	United States
Disney Dream	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/6/2020	75	Various Non-U.S.
Emerald Princess	Princess Cruises	Carnival Corporation	5/6/2020	70	United States
Emerald Princess	Princess Cruises	Carnival Corporation	5/6/2020	54	Canada
Celebrity Infinity	Celebrity Cruises	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/7/2020	2	United States
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/7/2020	2	Philippines
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/7/2020	2	Philippines
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/7/2020	187	Philippines
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/7/2020	462	Philippines

Oceania Sirena	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/7/2020	1	Philippines
Disney Wonder	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/8/2020	3	Philippines
Liberty of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/8/2020	2	United States
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/8/2020	132	Peru
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/8/2020	130	Peru
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/8/2020	56	Argentina
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/8/2020	45	Argentina
Oceania Marina	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/8/2020	2	Argentina
Oceania Sirena	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/8/2020	3	Argentina
Norwegian Joy	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/8/2020	14	Argentina
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/8/2020	1	Canada
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/9/2020	84	South Africa
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/9/2020	48	South Africa
Oceania Marina	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/9/2020	5	South Africa
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/11/2020	92	Ecuador
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/11/2020	28	Brazil
Norwegian	Norwegian Cruise	Norwegian Cruise Line	5/11/2020	86	Brazil

Escape	Line	Holdings			
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/11/2020	72	Brazil
Oceania Sirena	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/11/2020	1	Brazil
Oceania Marina	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/11/2020	8	Brazil
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/11/2020	20	Argentina
Carnival Fantasy	Carnival Cruise Lines	Carnival Corporation	5/11/2020	11	Uruguay
Disney Fantasy	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/11/2020	14	Mexico
Scarlet Lady	Virgin Voyages	Virgin Cruises Intermediate Limited	5/11/2020	38	Bulgaria
Scarlet Lady	Virgin Voyages	Virgin Cruises Intermediate Limited	5/11/2020	1	United States
Celebrity Edge	Celebrity Cruises	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/12/2020	16	United States
Vision of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/12/2020	63	United States
Disney Wonder	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/12/2020	24	Indonesia
Disney Wonder	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/12/2020	1	United States
Disney Fantasy	Disney Cruise Line	Walt Disney Company	5/12/2020	81	Honduras
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/12/2020	158	Zimbabwe
Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/12/2020	60	Zimbabwe
Oceania Sirena	Oceania Cruises	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/12/2020	2	Zimbabwe
Norwegian Escape	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/12/2020	1	Bolivia

Norwegian Epic	Norwegian Cruise Line	Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings	5/12/2020	1	Bolivia
Liberty of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/13/2020	372	Philippines
Empress Of the Seas	Royal Caribbean International	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/13/2020	55	United Kingdom
Celebrity Reflection	Celebrity Cruises	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	5/13/2020	51	United Kingdom

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