MANAGEMENT OF EVENTS ON BOATS

ACUTE PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS
Ports play a key role in managing Public Health Events and preventing international spread of diseases. A wide variety of risks on board ships indicates a potential gateway for international epidemics. Authorities and stakeholders have to manage events on board ships to limit impact on ports, and avoid international spread of diseases.
EVENT DETECTION

- Previous port of call
- Ship Master
- Ship inspection

Communicate:

World Health Organization
Informal channels

NOTIFY PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS TO COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

HEALTH MEASURES

STANDARD PROCEDURES

- Quarantine and isolation
- Hand hygiene
- Personal protective equipment
- Handling of patient medical care equipment
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Vector control

SPECIFIC CONTROL MEASURES are needed if

- Specific symptoms: sign of infection, Gastro-Intestinal or Influenza Like Illness symptoms
- Unusual illness
- Death
- Cluster/Outbreak

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Event description
- Primary overview
- Impact assessment
- Containment capability

DECISION MAKING

- Event detection & management in public health events on board ships

COMMUNICATION - MONITORING

- Notify public health events to competent authorities
- Confirm occurrence of event & collect information
- Ascertain immediate arrangements (evacuation, ambulance, health care...)
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- Verify & primary response

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- Decision making
- No action to be taken
- Business as usual - SOPs
- Execute contingency plan

- Communications & monitoring

- World Health Organization
WHO provides States Parties, ports, and ship operators, with guidance to manage public health events on board ships: to better prevent spread of diseases, and to assist them in contingency planning and implementation of health measures. This guidance is a "toolbox" from which countries can select the most relevant elements to address their own needs. To download the complete guidance including the guide “Handbook for the management of public health events on board ships” www.who.int/ihr/publications/ports_airports/en/ 

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