

# MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## Vessel Reporting Requirements from Countries Posing an Ebola Virus Threat

All vessels which report on their Notice of Arrival (NOA) Senegal, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and/or Nigeria as one of their last five (5) Last Ports of Call (LPOC) will receive the below email:

"Good day Captain,

A Notice of Arrival that has been submitted for New Orleans, LA shows that your vessel, the MV XXXXXXXXXXX, made a port call from one or more countries with recent documented outbreaks of the Ebola Virus or an African country which is at risk of being an Ebola source.

Most Ebola cases have originated from the Western African countries of Nigeria, Senegal, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. A limited number of additional cases have been identified in other African countries.

The New Orleans Captain of the Port is requesting to know if you currently have any crewmembers with any symptoms consistent with the Ebola Virus. Common symptoms typically include a fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, and a lack of appetite. The incubation period is 2-21 days. For more information on signs and symptoms, please refer to the following: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/symptoms/>.

Additionally, if there are any ill crew members onboard, you are strongly encouraged to isolate them in a private cabin until they are evaluated by a doctor to prevent transmission to others. Contact with other crew should be minimized."

Any crewmembers on board these vessels which have ANY of the above listed symptoms are deemed by the Captain of the Port to potentially affect the safety of the vessel and/or the port and meets the definition and reporting requirements for a Hazardous Condition noted in 33 CFR 160.215.

Failure to report the above information immediately to the U.S. Coast Guard while a vessel is bound for or operating in the Captain of the Port New Orleans area of responsibility may subject the vessel to civil penalty of up to \$40,000.

Contact the Sector New Orleans Port State Control Branch at 1-504-365-2361 if additional information or clarification is required.

**Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Command Center: (504) 365-2200**

**Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Port State Control: (504) 365-2361 or 2362**



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**Alternate Captain of the Port New Orleans**

For a current list of MSIB's within the COTP New Orleans Zone click: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/nola> under "Safety and Security"