

Under the Public Health Service Act, the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has authority to enact regulations for the purpose of communicable disease control.

For maritime vessels, US regulations [42 CFR 71.21(a)] require the master of a ship **destined for a US port of entry** to immediately report any death or illness among the ship’s passengers or crew to the CDC Quarantine Station at or nearest the US port of arrival.

- All deaths or illnesses that meet CDC’s definition of “ill person” that occur within 15 days before arrival
- All deaths or illnesses that meet CDC’s definition of “ill person” that occur within 15 days of departure (ships returning to a US port during the same voyage)

Voyage Type	Public Health Jurisdiction
international/traveling from a <u>non-U.S. port</u> ex: cruise ships, cargo vessels	Report to the Houston Quarantine Station per our <i>Interim Guidance for USCG and CBP at U.S. Seaports in Response to COVID-19</i>
Interstate/Intrastate/traveling from a U.S. port Ex. Tug boats, platforms	Report to the local health department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - feel free to reference the <i>Interim Guidance for USCG and CBP at U.S. Seaports in Response to COVID-19</i> - the local health department can request assistance from the Houston Quarantine Station