# CDC Approved Protocol for Carnival Cruise Lines Embarkation and Debarkation Operations Briefing

## Terminal Cleaning (Port Authority)

- The Port Authority has contracted with a vendor that applies a disinfecting fogging agent to disinfect large areas. The vendor will disinfect the Passenger Terminal and gangway prior to every vessel arrival.
- While a vessel is at the dock, a disinfection team will continuously disinfect the high touch areas (handrails, doorknobs, etc.)
- Facial masks will be required to be worn by all staff and crew.
- Facial masks are highly recommended to be worn by guests inside the Passenger Terminal.
- Social distancing will be as required by CDC guidelines.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the terminal, high traffic areas, near the elevator, and near doorways.

## Cruise Ship Line (CSL) Protocol

#### Embarkation

- To prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, CSL will ensure there is a private screening area for guests identified as needing additional medical screening during the embarkation and check-in process.
- All guests are required to complete a health questionnaire before or at embarkation.
- The questionnaire will include, but is not limited to, the following inquiries:
  - o In the past 10 days, have you or anyone traveling with you, tested positive for COVID-19?
  - o In the past 10 days, have you or anyone traveling with you had close contact with a COVID-19 case?
  - o Do you currently have any of the following symptoms?
    - Fever or chills
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Congestion or runny nose
    - Sore throat
    - Headache

- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Positive responses will result in enhanced medical screening. If identified as a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case, the guest will not be permitted to board.
  - The guest and associated travelers will either travel home via their private transportation or will be required to quarantine
- COVID-19 vaccination status and any required pre-embarkation viral test results (or evidence of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 90 days, if applicable) for each embarking individual will be verified prior to embarkation by the CSL.

#### Debarkation

- There are three types of individuals to disembark:
  - o Well people
    - Guests will receive notice of their disembarkation time in advance to allow them to make necessary arrangements.
    - Large groups of disembarking crew will have staggered debark times.
    - Unless there is a need to conduct a medical evacuation of ill passengers, well guests will disembark first. They will drive or fly home using their own travel arrangements.
  - Close contacts in quarantine
    - Close contacts in quarantine may require a SARS-CoV-2 test prior to disembarkation. The Corporate Health Operations Center will discuss requirements with SCDHEC.
    - Guests may be able to travel home with their own private travel arrangements, subject to approval from SCDHEC.
  - o Confirmed COVID-19 cases in isolation
    - All COVID-19-related disembarkations will be coordinated with CLS's Corporate
       Health Operations Center prior to leaving the ship
    - For patients with potentially communicable illnesses (such as COVID-19 cases):
    - Carnival will obtain approval from SCDHEC, local rescue services and local admission
      facilities for private transport depending on medical condition. Once approved,
      patients will be disembarked to their home for self-isolation via private transportation.
    - A lane will be designated to keep the patient, their belongings, and all those involved in the transfer separated from other persons on board.

- The area will be disinfected after transfer is complete. Those involved in the transfer will wear appropriate personal protective equipment PPE.
- Transfers will be pre-arranged by medical staff with medical transport service providers with full awareness of the potentially contagious status of the patient.
- Carnival will coordinate transport for individuals with COVID-19 who do not require
  medical care, but who are unable to travel home using private transport, and/or not
  approved by SCDHEC to travel commercially.

### Disembarkation Procedures in Event of a COVID-19 Outbreak

- Carnival has established protocols to provide safe and efficient disembarkation processes for passenger voyages.
- Guests and crew may be required to be tested for SARS-CoV-2 prior to disembarkation if required by SCDHEC. Disembarkation and/or release from the terminal will be conducted using a staggered schedule to limit crowds and manage physical distancing. Traffic flow will be monitored and adjusted when necessary. Carnival contracted staff will monitor physical distancing throughout the terminal.