

**Importante:** Desde “Early detection” hasta “Use exhaust fans if required” (inclusive).

## 8.8 ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CASE OF SUSPECTED INFECTION ON BOARD OR NEWS OF POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE CONFIRMED BY SHORE PRESENTING WITH MILD SYMPTOMS

**Early detection**, prevention, and control of COVID-19 on the ship is important to protect the health of other crewmembers and to avoid transmission of the virus. Arrangements must be made to disembark the infected crew member as soon as possible who are suspected of having COVID-19.

Following cases represents a suspect:

A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), and with no other set of causes that fully explains the clinical presentation and a history of travel to or residence in a country/ area or territory reporting local transmission of (COVID-19) during the 14 days prior to the onset of the symptoms.

Or

A patient with any acute respiratory illness and having been in contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case during the 14 days before the onset of the symptoms.

Or

A patient with a severe acute respiratory infection (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath, and requiring hospitalization and with no other set of causes that fully explain the symptoms.

Once the suspect case has been identified:

Establish contact with CIRM / Medical Service Provider/ Port authorities as soon as possible. Follow instructions as received.

**Isolate the crew member** in the hospital with possible symptoms of COVID-19 to minimize the transmission of this virus. The sick patient must not leave the hospital or the confined area. Ensure the hospital is well ventilated and air circulation is independent of vessel air conditioning system. **Use exhaust fans if** required.

Ask the sick person/s to wear a facemask (a surgical mask, not N95) as soon as they are identified.