
From: NSW Seaports
Sent: Sunday, 8 March 2020 11:12 PM
To: s47F [redacted] carnivalaustralia.com
Cc: s47G [redacted] carnivalaustralia.com
Subject: RE: RUBY PRINCESS - Passport Bio Page - Medically disembarked - 14 days Quarantine - Coronavirus [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi s47F [redacted]

This one is extended to 23/03/2020.

Regards

s22(1)(a)(ii) [redacted]

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Operations Group
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From: "§22(1)(a)(ii) <§22(1)(a)(ii) health.nsw.gov.au>
 To: "Ruby Senior Doctor" <§47G princesscruises.com>, "§22(1)(a)(ii) <SESLHD-PublicHealthUnit-CruiseShipSurv@health.nsw.gov.au>
 Cc: "§47F carnivalaustralia.com" <§47F carnivalaustralia.com>, "Ruby Doctor" <§47G princesscruises.com>, "Ruby Hotel General Manager (RU)" <§47G princesscruises.com>, "Ruby Captain" <§47G princesscruises.com>, "Ruby Administration Officer" <§47G princesscruises.com>, "Ruby Customer Services Director" <§47G princesscruises.com>, "§47G carnivalaustralia.com" <§47G carnivalaustralia.com>
 Date: 18/03/2020 05:07 PM
 Subject: RE: Ruby Princess Arrival to Sydney COVID-19 assessment

Dear §47F and Ruby Princess crew

The NSW Health expert panel has assessed the Ruby Princess as NOT requiring on board health assessment in Sydney.

We would however ask you to send the 15 samples to our lab for COVID testing. I have attached our lab form, please include the details of each person on one form, include a copy with the specimens and email a copy to me.

You are free to disembark tomorrow, however according to the new Australian government guidance, all passengers must go into self-isolation for 14 days.

The information about this is found here

https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/03/coronavirus-covid-19-what-you-need-to-know_4.pdf

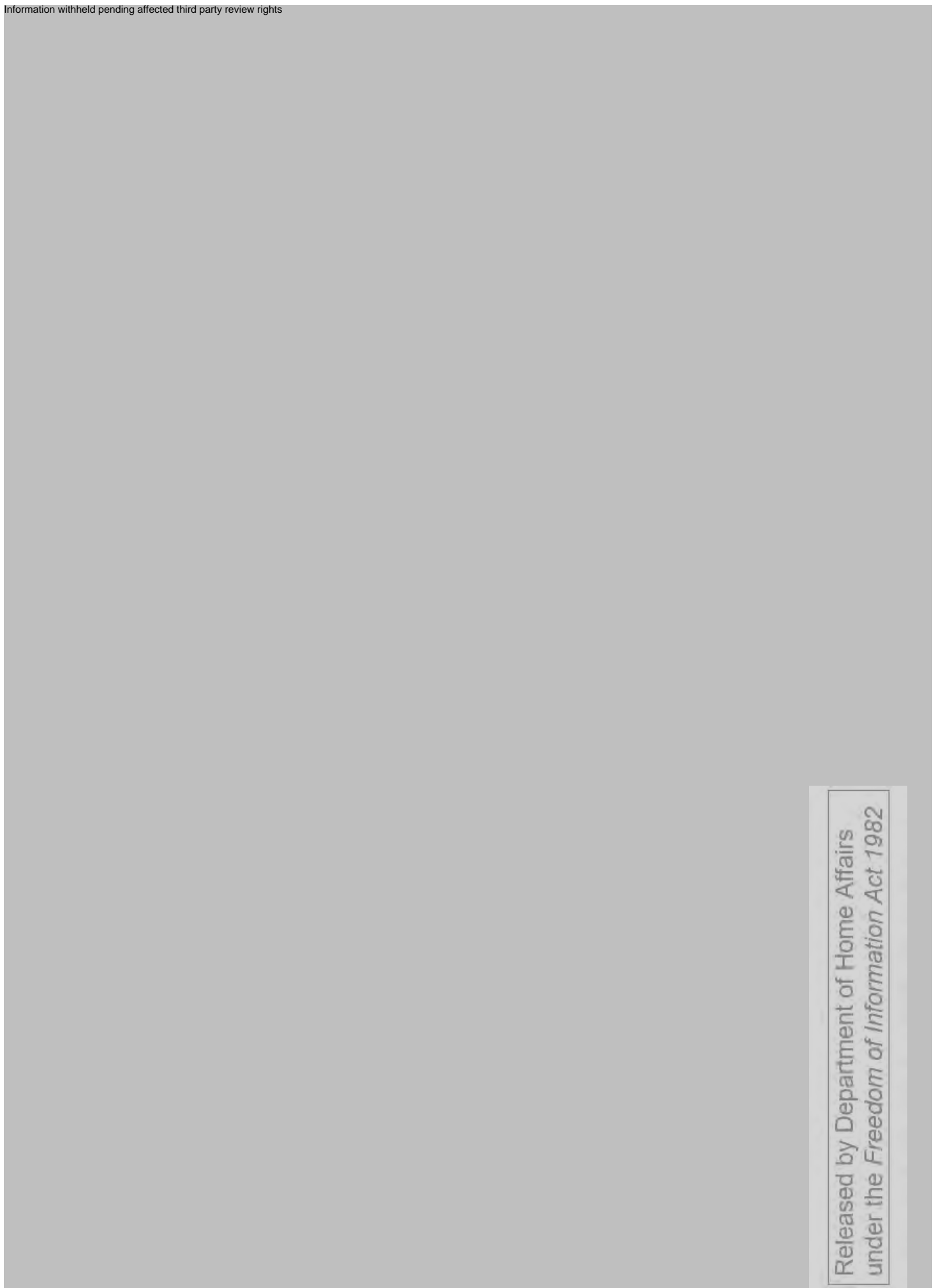
I will let you know when the results are received – likely tomorrow afternoon.

Many thanks

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) (South Eastern Sydney LHD) [mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@health.nsw.gov.au] On Behalf Of s22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:01 PM

To: Ruby Senior Doctor <s47G@princesscruises.com>

Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) <s22(1)(a)(ii)@health.nsw.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii) (South Eastern Sydney LHD) <s22(1)(a)(ii)@health.nsw.gov.au>; s47F <carnivalaustralia.com>

Subject: Ruby Princess Arrival to Sydney COVID-19 assessment

Good afternoon s47F

I trust you are well.

I understand that Ruby Princess is planning to port in Sydney on Thursday 19 March, can you please confirm the ETA and the Sydney port please.

Can you please provide further details on the influenza A outbreak onboard and also answer the below questions prior to arrival. It would be appreciated if this information could be sent through by **9am tomorrow (18 March).**

Please pass this on to Captain and other relevant crew members.

1. The full ARD log (with details of ALL passengers and crew presenting with fever OR acute respiratory symptoms OR both), including travel history in the 14 days before onset, whether a rapid flu test was collected and the result, and current condition for all passengers and crew assessed
2. A list of passengers who
 - a. have left or transited through mainland China or Iran in the last 14 days
 - b. have left or transited through the Republic of Korea on or after 5 March 2020;
 - c. have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus.
3. A list of any planned medical disembarkations
4. A list of any deaths during the cruise
5. The ship's itinerary in the past 14 days and a future itinerary for the next 14 days
6. Please advise if your medical centre is charging a fee for respiratory consultations. **Any ship charging a fee for respiratory consultations will be at higher risk of requiring an on-board health assessment by NSW Health due to a decrease in confidence that mild respiratory cases have been reported.**

What you should do now

- Please ensure any passengers or crew with current influenza-like illness are isolated and provide them with masks and alcohol hand rub for onward travel. Take a cautionary approach to isolation of all people with respiratory symptoms and also provide them with masks and alcohol hand rub for onward travel.

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- Make an announcement to your passengers and crew that anyone with respiratory symptoms or fever should present to your medical centre for assessment. Please collect respiratory swabs, hold at fridge temperature and we will arrange for CoVID-19 testing in a NSW Health Pathology reference laboratory if appropriate. If you have collected respiratory swabs throughout this cruise (e.g. for rapid flu testing), we are also able to test these if not discarded.

7. Please confirm you have made announcements requesting people with respiratory symptoms come to your medical centre for assessment.

8. Please advise if your systems are able to provide us with a full contact list, including name, residential address, mobile phone number and email address of all passengers on board, should COVID-19 contact tracing be required at a later date.

Once we have reviewed this information we will advise if an on board public health assessment is required.

Should an on-board passenger/crew assessment by the NSW Public Health Team be required you will need to do the following

- Designate a **senior** ship's officer, eg the Hotel Director, as liaison between the ship and the NSW Public Health Team
- Make a series of announcements to all passengers that **anyone with current respiratory symptoms** will need to be assessed prior to the ship beginning disembarkation;
- Provide a **Letter** and **Traveller Record Form** (will be emailed to you if required) to all passengers and crew asking those who need assessment by the Public Health Team to complete the form beforehand and to bring it with them,
 - Medical clinic to ensure that patients seen at the clinic with fever and/or ARI are also requested to attend for assessment,
 - Ensure all passengers and crew with respiratory symptoms are advised to be at the designated location (see below) during the period advised by the public health team
- Arrange a suitable large, open space (e.g. ballroom, large gym) on the ship for the assessment area capable of holding at least 60 people, set up with 4 stations consisting of a desk and 3 chairs; provide seating and bottled water for those waiting for assessment; hand rub dispensers at entry and exit monitored by crew
- Have medical and other staff available to facilitate assessment process, including bilingual staff if relevant (wearing surgical masks)
- Ensure all passengers/crew requiring assessment are wearing a surgical mask
- Assign sufficient crew to request all people requiring assessment to complete traveller record form, for crowd control and to manage flow

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Please share this request with relevant crew members and provide a collated response to items 1-8 by 9 am Wednesday 18, March.

Kind regards,

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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<please insert your company logo>

Specimens: Viral swabs

Tests required:

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CoVID-19 PCR

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Respiratory multiplex PCR

Notes:

Specimen collection – Isolate in a separate room, use transmission based precautions and collect combined nose/nasopharynx and throat/oropharynx viral swabs. Use either red top (UTM) or green top (VTM) swabs.

During transportation specimens should remain bagged and sealed and kept on ice or in a refrigerated container. Send a copy of this form with the specimens and email a copy to [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@health.nsw.gov.au) and [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@health.nsw.gov.au) before arrival.

****COPY to Prof [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@health.nsw.gov.au) Public Health Unit**

Patient Details:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Specimen collection date</i>	<i>Residential Postcode</i>	<i>State/country</i>	<i>Rapid flu test result (if done)</i>

Specimens should be delivered to:

SAViD Area Virology Laboratory (NSWHP Randwick Microbiology)
Specimen Reception
Level 4 Prince of Wales Hospitals Campus
Randwick NSW 2031

Doctor's signature:

Doctor's Name:

Ship Name:

Date:

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @health.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 20 March 2020 5:58 PM
To: @MOH-Media
Subject: NSW Health Media Release: CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS IDENTIFIED WITH COVID-19
Attachments: 20200320 - Cruise Ship Passengers Identified with COVID-19.pdf

Good Evening – Please find attached latest NSW Health media release.

CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS IDENTIFIED WITH COVID-19

NSW Health has identified today four people on the cruise ship Ruby Princess who have tested positive to COVID-19. These cases were identified and confirmed as part of the additional measures that NSW Health has put in place in relation to cruise ships.

As of 11am today, NSW has confirmed 382 cases of COVID-19, including interstate residents in NSW health care facilities.

The Ruby Princess cruise to New Zealand left Sydney on 8 March and returned to Sydney and docked yesterday morning.

2647 passengers were on board and disembarked yesterday and all were advised to self-isolate at home or in their accommodation for a period of 14 days as part of the management of returned travellers, in accordance with the Public Health Order for quarantine that is in place in New South Wales.

Three of the confirmed cases were passengers who disembarked from the ship after it docked at Circular Quay yesterday morning.

- One, a resident of Tasmania, is still in NSW being assessed at a Sydney hospital.
- One was taken unwell directly from the ship to hospital. It is not unusual for cruise ship passengers, many of whom are elderly, to be disembarked directly from cruise ships to hospital.
- One presented to a Sydney hospital after disembarkation for testing.
- The fourth confirmed case is a crew member who is in isolation on board the ship. , Quarantine of other crew on board is underway in consultation with the on board medical team.

Ninety-eight of the 1148 crew disembarked the ship and have left NSW for their home countries. The rest of the crew remain in isolation on board the ship which is currently offshore.

Five people on board with influenza-like illness were tested in Wellington, New Zealand on 14 March, and all were negative for COVID-19 at that time.

NSW Health officials have emailed and sent text messages to all cruise passengers today to advise of the confirmed cases on board and to reinforce the importance of self-isolation and regular self-monitoring for symptoms. Phone calls are also being made to all passengers.

NSW Health has notified other states and territories and the National Incident Room of this situation.

Sixty-three per cent of the passengers are Australian residents, 20 per cent are residents of the United States and the rest are from a variety of other countries. All close contacts of the confirmed cases will also be identified and informed.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath. Community members should seek medical attention by calling their GP or healthdirect on 1800 022 222 or present to an emergency department or COVID-19 clinic if unwell.

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s22(1)(a)(ii) @unimelb.edu.au; s22(1)(a)(ii) @med.monash.edu.au; s22(1)(a)(ii)
@defence.gov.au; s22(1)(a)(ii)
@health.tas.gov.au
Subject: FW: Ruby Princess passenger list
Attachments: s22(1)(a)(ii)

Dear AHPPC and CDNA members

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 20 March 2020 12:02 PM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) @health.gov.au>
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) @health.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Ruby Princess passenger list

Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

s22(1)(a)(ii)

The two passengers with COVID are s47F
The third case is a s47F crew member, s47F The ship will manage
the crew on board the ship according to the CDC plan for cruise ships.

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Many thanks

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