

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

RE: CORONAVIRUS, CRUISE SHIPS, ETC.

Can the Port of Astoria or the City of Astoria stop cruise ships from docking in Astoria?

The Port of Astoria and the City of Astoria prioritize community safety above all else. Based on protocols set by the CDC, the Coast Guard can deny a cruise ship from docking at any port. The Port of Astoria echoes the statement made by Astoria Mayor Bruce Jones:

“There are more than 20 days before the Grand Princess could leave port in California headed for Astoria... we have time to be calm and plan diligently. We don’t have to make rash decisions immediately. We’ll just continue to monitor the situation as it unfolds with all of our partners.”

Is the Port going to allow the Grand Princess, which is now quarantined in San Francisco, to come in at the end of the month?

The Grand Princess’ port of call to Astoria was planned before the situation occurring in San Francisco. Please note that the cruise schedules listed on our website are tentative— ports of call can change for several different reasons up to and including the day of planned arrival. At this time, we have not received notice from the CDC, Coast Guard, or the cruise line that any of the ships have been cancelled for any reason. The website will be updated if/when anything changes.

What is the monitoring process for ships that dock at the port and people coming on and off the ships? Is the Port doing anything particular/new due to the coronavirus?

The CDC has provided guidance for ships on managing suspected coronavirus, which details how to prevent, detect, and medically manage suspected COVID-19 infections. Federal regulations (42 CFR 71.21) require the master of a ship destined for a U.S. port of entry to immediately report any death or illness among the ship’s passengers or crew. The Port of Astoria continues to work with federal, state, county, and city partners as well as the cruise lines to prepare for any eventualities that may arise as a result of identified cases.