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Charter Fishing



Captains and Crews

Mandatory

General guidance:

- Limit vessel occupancy to 50% of U.S. Coast Guard maximum capacity on plate.
- Post a list of COVID-19 symptoms in a highly visible place on vessel.
- Vessel should have sufficient hand washing and hand sanitizing products for party members.
- Physically mark locations (stations) for party members on vessel.
- Conduct deep sanitation between trips.
- Maintain a list of customers, including names and contact information, for contact tracing if someone becomes ill.

Day of Charter:

- **Maintain six foot social distance from other crew and party members (unless you live with them) when boarding, underway, fishing, and debarking to the greatest extent possible.**
- Conduct a daily symptom assessment of captain and crew*. Captain and/or crew must stay at home if symptomatic and perform daily symptom assessment before returning to work.
- Clean and sanitize dock handrails immediately before boarding passengers.
- Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons:
 - Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation.
 - Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards.
 - Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons.
 - Facial coverings are in violation of the business' documented safety policies.
 - Facial coverings are not required when the employee works alone in an assigned work area.
 - There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.*(Businesses must provide written justification, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace. At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.)*
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- Clean and sanitize "high touch" surfaces on vessels and rods, reels, dipnet handles, coolers, etc., throughout the day and at the conclusion of trips.
- Immediately return to the dock, isolate and/or seek medical care for individuals who develop symptoms during a trip.
- Contact local health district about suspected cases and exposures.
- At the conclusion of a trip, distribute the catch using practices that promote social distancing.

Recommended Best Practices

General guidance:

- Provide a checklist of items that guest should bring on each trip and not share.

Day of Charter:

- Develop a daily log of captain and crew health assessments as a checklist that accompanies the daily or trip float plan.
- Eye protection should be worn (sunglasses or goggles).
- Do not touch face or eyes.

*Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.



- **Maintain six foot social distance from crew and other party members outside of your household when boarding, underway, fishing, and debarking to the greatest extent possible.**
- Each member of a party should conduct a personal symptom assessment prior to boarding.* Symptomatic members of a party should notify the boat captain and not participate in the trip.
- Bring all personal items for the day (e.g., food, drinks, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes) and do not share food, drinks, or coolers with anyone other than members of your household.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

- Consideration should be given to cancelling a trip for individuals who live with, or have traveled with, a party member that is symptomatic.
- Face coverings are recommended unless in conflict with health conditions.
- Eye protection should be worn (sunglasses or goggles).

Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
- Shut down affected areas for deep sanitation, if possible.

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.
- Collect guest contact information as appropriate that can be shared with the health department for contact tracing purposes.

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