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## **Operations Bulletin**

### **Minimum Crewing Requirements During COVID-19 - Updated**

**Effective April 1st, 2022**

Station Leaders & Membership,

The coronavirus/COVID 19 impacts continue to be felt across the province/globe and remain top of mind within our own organization. Internal and external courses have resumed, along with face-to-face activities and OTW training. Provincial restrictions continue to be lifted, exemptions from certificate providers are no longer in effect, and RCMSAR will be rescinding any temporary extensions with regards to crewing requirement certifications as of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

#### **Certifications**

- RCMSAR Fitness Test must be valid in the last 12 months for **ALL** personnel on the vessel
- **ALL** minimum crew compliment must have valid First Aid certificate
- PCOC and ROC-M required for minimum crew compliment (unchanged)
- Other certs, courses, and sign offs required as per crew level designation (unchanged)

#### **Seatime**

- Minimum seatime requirements for crew compliancy is Coxswain 25 hrs, Crew 20 hrs, New Crew 20 hrs, accrued over the last 12-month period.

#### **Taskings**

- The potential exposure to COVID-19 needs to be assessed as part of your GAR score
- COVID-19 screening questions are to be asked/completed when on scene
- Masks are a personal choice, but **must** be worn when boarding another vessel or persons are brought onboard you SAR asset, unless they impede safe operations
- Follow COVID-19 procedures and SOPs as set out by HQ

As listed above, minimum crewing and certificate requirements are back to normal (pre-covid requirements). Vaccine requirements for face-to-face activities remain in place. If you foresee any challenges with the ability of your station to remain active, or have any further questions or concerns, please reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

Amber Sheasgreen  
Manager, Operations