



May 5, 2021

Dear Cruise Line Colleagues:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be publishing the Technical Instructions for the next two phases (2B and 3) of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) today. CDC is committed to working with the cruise industry and seaport partners to resume cruising following the phased approach outlined in the CSO. This goal aligns with the prospective resumption of passenger operations in the United States as outlined by many major cruise ship operators. Please note that the clarifications discussed in the April 28, 2021 Dear Colleague letter to the cruise industry remain in effect.

These next phase documents include:

- COVID-19 Operations Manual for Simulated and Restricted Voyages under the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (Phase 2B)
- Technical Instructions for Simulated Voyages by Cruise Ship Operators under CDC's Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (Phase 2B)

Additionally, the following documents are attached for your convenience:

- Request for Approval to Conduct a Simulated Voyage Prior to Issuance of COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate (Phase 2B),
- Conditional Sail Order Simulated Voyage After-Action Report Template (Phase 2B), and
- Application for a CDC COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate (Phase 3)

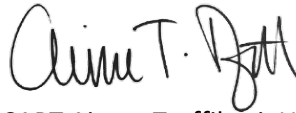
In Phase 2B, simulated (trial) voyages will allow cruise ship operators, crew, and seaport personnel to practice their COVID-19 operational procedures with volunteers simulating the role of passengers before ships sail with paying passengers. Simulations will help cruise ship operators to identify practices that are successful at mitigating COVID-19 on board their ships, as well as any deficiencies in their health and safety protocols that need to be addressed prior to resuming restricted passenger voyages.

As discussed in our twice-weekly calls and the April 28 Dear Colleagues letter, CDC will update testing and quarantine requirements for restricted passenger voyages based on vaccination status to closely align with CDC's guidance for fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated persons. Updates to existing webpages for quarantine, testing, and color status are in progress and will be released soon. The Maritime Unit will send an email notification when those changes are posted.

We look forward to our scheduled call with you tomorrow, May 6, 2021, to discuss the guidance and address your questions about these next phases of CDC's Framework for Conditional Sailing Order.

In the meantime, please contact the Maritime Unit at [eocevent349@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent349@cdc.gov) with any questions. We remain committed to working through this process together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aimee T. Treffiletti".

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