



Airports – exposed maritime crew members

Exposed maritime crew members

If a person is a crew member of an exposed vessel (e.g. an international vessel) and they disembark into Western Australia, they are an **exposed maritime crew member**.

Dedicated waiting area at regional airports

If you are the operator of any regional airport used to convey exposed maritime crew members, you **MUST** provide a dedicated waiting area which is **SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES** when occupied by any exposed maritime crew members.

Exposed maritime crew members **CAN** share a dedicated waiting area with other exposed maritime crew members, even if they have disembarked from different vessels.

Supervisor's responsibilities

If you are supervising the dedicated waiting area, and an exposed maritime crew member does not follow requests to move to or remain in the dedicated waiting area or to wear a disposable surgical face mask, you **MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY** a police officer on **Ph: 6349 4448**

Requirements for a dedicated waiting area

The dedicated waiting area **MUST**:



keep exposed maritime crew members separated from all other people



have toilet facilities for the sole use of exposed maritime crew members (within or adjacent to the dedicated waiting area)



use signs and/or barriers to keep exposed maritime crew members separated from others



have hand hygiene facilities available for the sole use of maritime crew members (hand sanitiser or a sink with running water, liquid soap, paper hand towels)



be a big enough area to allow for physical distancing



be thoroughly cleaned^{^^} and disinfected after every use, before being occupied again



have dedicated rubbish bins

^{^^} following parts C, D and E of Schedule 1 Cleaning Protocols of the Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions provided at the end of this fact sheet.

[Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions]

SCHEDULE 1 - Cleaning Protocols

Part C: Cleaning protocols for dedicated waiting areas

Dedicated waiting areas must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using the following protocol:

- restrict access to the dedicated waiting area before cleaning and disinfection;
- open outside doors and windows if possible to increase air circulation and then commence cleaning and disinfection;
- all areas of the dedicated waiting area are to be cleaned and disinfected, paying particular attention to frequently touched areas such as door handles, tabletops, light switches, handrails, kitchen equipment and toilets;
- clean and disinfect hard surfaces firstly using a detergent with a neutral pH and water followed by suitable disinfectant (2-step clean);
- if soft furnishings or carpet are present in the dedicated waiting area, these items are required to be steam cleaned prior to the area reopening;
- once cleaning and disinfection is complete, place disposable cloths and PPE in a plastic rubbish bag, tie securely and dispose of the bag in the general waste;
- cleaning equipment including reusable mop heads cloths are to be laundered using hot water and detergent. They must be completely dried before re-use. Cleaning equipment such as buckets and mop handles are to be emptied, cleaned, disinfected and allowed to dry completely before re-use; and
- all rubbish may be disposed of into general waste

Part D: PPE for cleaners

Persons cleaning ablution facilities, dedicated conveyances and dedicated waiting areas must be equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and have had appropriate training in its use. This includes disposable gloves, protective eyewear and surgical masks. If there is visible contamination with respiratory secretions or other body fluids in the area or dedicated conveyance being cleaned, the cleaning staff should also wear a disposable apron.

Part E: Hand hygiene for cleaners

Persons cleaning ablution facilities, dedicated conveyances and dedicated waiting areas must adhere to the following hand hygiene protocols:

- When hands are visibly dirty, hand hygiene should be performed with soap and water using the following protocol:
 - wet hands and apply soap;
 - lather for at least 20 seconds paying attention to the back of hands and fingers, fingernails and the webbing between fingers;
 - rinse hands under running water; and
 - dry hands with a clean towel or fresh paper towel.
- Hand hygiene can be performed with alcohol-based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) using the following protocol:
 - use enough product to cover both hands;
 - rub all surfaces of hands, paying attention to the backs of hands and fingers, fingernails, fingertips, and the webbing between fingers; and
 - rub hands together until dry.

The information provided in this factsheet is intended as a summary only. Full details of the relevant Directions you must comply with are available online: Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions (<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/transport-and-accommodation-services-exposed-maritime-worker-directions>).

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