



COMPANY STATEMENT
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PREVENTIVE MEASURES STEPPED UP TO COUNTER SEVERE ACUTE
RESPIRATORY SYNDROME ("SARS")

Star Cruises is presently closely monitoring the severe acute respiratory syndrome ("SARS") cases and has assured cruise passengers and the public that while there is no reported case of passenger boarding its ships being infected by SARS, it has stepped up preventive measures designed to provide additional peace of mind to all confirmed and would-be passengers.

The measures are:-

- Medical staff will be positioned at the embarkation check points to screen passengers
- All embarking passengers will be given a SARS Health Alert Flyer and Health Declaration Form
- The crew has been informed to even further increase their level of health and personal hygiene and onboard monitoring and training are also stepped up
- Rigorous cleaning of public places and commonly used areas / items has been intensified
- Wearing of face masks by all shipboard crew
- Masks are also available for passengers at the Reception / Front Desk on a request basis
- As a matter of priority Star Cruises' management has issued directives to all Captains, Officers and crew to be vigilant in monitoring both passenger and crew behaviour and to report any suspected cases immediately
- No social visitors are allowed onboard the ship in affected countries
- Shore leave for crew in affected countries has been suspended

In addition to these measures, Star Cruises' executive management has reemphasised that the SuperStar Leo and SuperStar Virgo have onboard procedures and facilities for both crew and passengers, including isolation areas with separate ventilation systems, which make them prepared for any medical emergency.

It should also be noted that fresh air is available all over the ships and at the open-space decks. The air-conditioning system operates on a 100% intake of fresh air instead of recycled air.

And as a matter of course, all crew are issued with medical certificates before signing on for duty.

A Star Cruises-convened - SARS Response Panel is meeting regularly to monitor developments.

There is presently no change to Star Cruises' announced itineraries for SuperStar Leo and SuperStar Virgo. Star Cruises' travel agents has been updated on the measures taken by the company to enable them to inform customers in the respective regions.

All confirmed passengers and members the public who have booked a cruise or are planning for a cruise holiday are encouraged to contact their nearest travel agent or Star Cruises' offices listed below should they have further enquiries or need clarification.

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