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**Subject:** FW: Ruby Princess - tomorrow [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s47F

FYI, the process for the past month and tomorrow is the last cruise vessel with disembarking passengers (Celebrity Solstice from NZ Zealand)

Regards

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Dear Sarah

Thanks for taking my call, and I have just spoken with Dr Sean Tobin, CHBO for NSW.

If you need NSW Health advice after hours please contact Sean (or whoever is on call in that role) on s47F. I feel it is desirable to include Franz Odermatt or his colleague in that conversation as normally access to the CHBO is through the relevant port Biosecurity Officer.

As you know, each cruise ship arriving in a NSW port is subject to a risk assessment by NSW Health the day prior to the ship berthing. It is possible the NSW Health and ship actions decided in the 18-24 hours prior to tying up might be modified closer to the event as new information (eg illness, fleet rules, policy changes etc) comes in.

In regards to queries about public health/biosecurity issues on commercial vessels, the same BO and CHBO process applies, although there is no routine assessment process by NSW Health and our program at South Eastern Sydney is not usually involved (but can be if Sean wishes to).

Hope this helps.

As mentioned could you please forward to us the current (and any further updated schedule) NSW cruise ship arrival schedule so we can plan the future risk assessments?

Best wishes

Mark

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Hi Kelly-Anne,

I understand from my manager, Emma Fensom, that there was a lot of uncertainty about what was happening with the Ruby Princess in the early hours of the morning.

Can you please tell us who we can contact from Health during the night to ask questions and get clarity?

Kind regards  
Sarah

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Hi Sarah

The ship has been assessed as low risk, so we won't be there. The ship does have elevated numbers of respiratory disease – lots tested flu positive.

They landed 5 samples in Wellington for COVID testing, all were negative. They will be sending about 15 samples for testing to our lab, just to be cautious.

We are not attending because:

- All passengers are required to go into 14 days self-isolation following government announcement
- The ship has provided all contact details should we need them.

- The ship is not taking on new passengers.

This decision has not formally been communicated to the ship yet as I am still trying to finalise recommendations for the people being tested, this might be why there is confusion.

Thanks

Kelly

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Hi Kelly,

Can you please tell me if NSW Health has any plans to process any routine Health Screening onboard the Ruby Princess tomorrow? We are hearing whispers that may be the case.

Thanks

Sarah

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