

Issue Brief: Quarantine (Maritime and Air) Regulations

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NEED TO KNOW

The Quarantine (Maritime and Air) Regulations 2017 were passed in the House of Assembly on 22nd September 2017 and Senate on 4th October 2017 along with the Quarantine Amendment Act 2017. This Legislation will ensure Bermuda has procedures in place to block communicable diseases from entering the Island. The 2017 Regulations will repeal and replace Regulations that had not been updated since 1946 and will introduce a new framework for handling public health threats at Bermu-



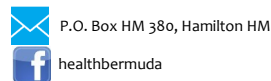
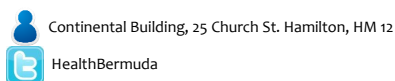
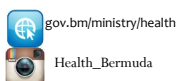
NEXT STEPS

The Regulations introduce a set of roles and responsibilities for travellers, health officers and the operators of aircraft and ships. The Ministry of Health will be responsible for ensuring all parties are aware of their responsibilities. The responsibilities also require certain forms for communicating with the Ministry of Health and our health officers to ensure we have the information we need. These forms will be posted on our portal on: www.gov.bm/port-health In addition, as we introduce this legislation to be compliant with the International Health Regulations 2005 (IHR), we will provide Public Health England, which is our reporting body, with updates regarding implementation of the new legislation and increased surveillance. The Ministry of Health will continue to protect our borders from the introduction of communicable diseases.

da's ports and airport. The Regulations will ensure that the responsibilities of travellers, airplane and ship operators as well as health officers are in law. The Regulations will also outline responsibilities for the respective groups (see Fast Facts). The Amendment Act will introduce duties in the Bermuda Immigration and Protection Act 1956 for a health officer to land a traveller with, or suspected of having, a communicable disease and will update the options in the Public Health Act 1949 for isolating persons with a disease.

FAST FACTS

- The Quarantine Act 2017 and the Amendment Act introduce a structure for better communicable disease control at our ports and airports.
- The Quarantine (Maritime and Air) Regulations 2017 will:
 - Stop persons from disembarking from a plane or ship arriving in Bermuda where a communicable disease or a death has been reported onboard.
 - Ensure airplane and ship operators notify Bermuda of any communicable disease or suspected disease onboard
 - Transfer travellers to a hospital or isolation clinic for treatment;
 - Ensure bags and cargo are screened and inspected as necessary;
 - Establishes the responsibility of airplane and ship operators to take measures to prevent introduction of infection in Bermuda



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