CIPH: Recommendations for the operation of high-speed boat lines and ferries for passenger transport during Covid-19 outbreak

These recommendations relate to the implementation of measures for the transport of passengers on high-speed boats and ferry lines during the COVID-19 epidemic, and were created to protect passengers and crew. Speedboat and ferry lines should only be used by people with a valid reason to travel (tourist travel is not recommended at this time).

Recommendations for the implementation of general hygiene measures

- **Hand Hygiene**
  - Wash hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- **Disinfectant**
  - Use disinfectants to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

- **Physical Distancing**
  - Maintain at least 2 meters apart from others.

- **Avoid Touching Eyes, Mouth, and Nose with Hands**

1. **Recommendations for the Work of Speed Boat Lines:**
   - Limit the number of passengers to a maximum of 50% of seats be occupied in order to maintain the mandatory physical distance, without any standing places.

2. **Reduce crew contact with passengers. It is recommended that passengers handle their luggage themselves, but if a crew member puts the luggage in the luggage compartment, it is necessary to disinfect their hands afterwards.**

3. **Maintain adequate hygiene level of the passenger compartment.** It is necessary to regularly clean and ventilate the inside of the boat - before and after the ride. Frequently touched surfaces should be wiped with an alcohol-based disinfectant after each ride.

4. **If one does not already exist, it is recommended to set up a physical barrier between the captain’s seat and the passenger (made of Plexiglas or similar), and if this is not possible then the first row of seats behind the captain’s seat should not be used to transport passengers.**

5. **Ventilate the passenger compartment regularly when stopping at docks. While cruising, ventilate the inside of the boat. If weather and temperature allow, open windows while cruising. Avoid using air conditioning or heating.**

6. **If crew members or their family members develop symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 - such as fever, sore throat, cough or difficulty breathing - they should not go to work but inform their employer immediately.**

**Recommendations for the Work of Ferry Lines:**

1. **If possible, passengers should remain in their cars throughout the journey and not use the passenger seating area on the ferry.**

2. **Passengers traveling without a car should keep a proper distance from other passengers in the passenger compartment. The passenger compartment can be filled up to a maximum of 25% of the seats.**

3. **Reduce crew contact with passengers. It is recommended that the passenger handles the luggage himself, but if a crew member puts the luggage in the luggage compartment, it is necessary to disinfect their hands afterwards.**

4. **Maintain adequate hygiene level of the passenger compartment.** It is necessary to regularly clean and ventilate the inside of the ferry - before and after the ride. Frequently touched surfaces should be wiped with an alcohol-based disinfectant after each ride.

5. **Ventilate the passenger compartment regularly when stopping at docks. While cruising, ventilate the inside of the ferry with ventilation. If weather and temperature allow, open windows while cruising. Avoid using air conditioning or heating.**

6. **If crew members or their family members develop symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 - such as fever, sore throat, cough or difficulty breathing - they should not go to work but inform their employer immediately.**