

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

If a passenger or a crew member displays any of the diseases or symptoms listed inside this brochure, you should notify the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS).

- For aircraft, a Quarantine officer must be notified as close to the top of descent as it is operationally practicable but at least 30 minutes before the aircraft is on chocks.
- For ships, reports must be made to AQIS in writing between 12 and 48 hours prior to arrival.

If there is any doubt whether a person has any of these symptoms or diseases, a Quarantine officer should be contacted. It is the responsibility of the captain of aircraft and the master of ship to notify a Quarantine officer.

### ***Penalties***

Failure to report the diseases or symptoms listed in this brochure may result in prosecution under the *Quarantine Act 1908* and imprisonment of up to 2 years.

### ***More information***

#### **Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service**

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
GPO Box 858, Canberra ACT 2601

For general information during business hours

Airports 02 6272 4143

Seaports 02 6272 3091

<http://www.aqis.gov.au>

#### **Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing**

MDP 14, GPO Box 9848

Canberra ACT 2601

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<http://www.health.gov.au>

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# REPORTING AN ILLNESS

## Important Quarantine Information for International Ship and Air Crew



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**Department of Health and Ageing**  
**Australian Quarantine and  
Inspection Service**

**Quarantine Matters!**

## IDENTIFY AND REPORT DISEASES OR THEIR SYMPTOMS

People showing symptoms of certain infectious diseases must be identified at Australia's borders to protect the public. Australian Quarantine laws require that international aircraft and ship officers report certain ill passengers or crew members to a Quarantine officer prior to arrival in Australia.

Aircraft and ship officers are not required to ask passengers whether they are suffering from infectious diseases or symptoms of illness; but if officers notice a person who is ill or a passenger reports being ill, crew should check if they have any of the symptoms below.

## LOOK OUT FOR

“ ... crew will need to check if ill passengers have any of the following symptoms...”

- **Temperature over 38°C.** If a thermometer is available, only temperatures over 38°C need to be reported. In other cases, any person suspected of having a high temperature should be reported
- **Acute unexplained skin rashes and lesions** (but not heat rashes, dermatitis, eczema, or similar common skin conditions)
- **Persistent or severe vomiting** (but not vomiting caused by motion sickness or inebriation)

- **Persistent, watery OR profuse diarrhoea**
- **Bleeding** from the nose, ears, eyes, mouth, anus or skin (but not if person is predisposed to nose bleeds, haemorrhoids, or has cuts or abrasions)
- **Glandular swelling** in the armpits or neck
- **Prolonged loss of consciousness** where a person cannot be roused (but not loss of consciousness caused by consumption of alcohol, drugs or medication or fainting)
- **Persistent coughing and breathing difficulty** with no apparent cause and no history of similar symptoms (but not persistent coughing and breathing difficulty caused by asthma, heart disease, obesity, chronic bronchitis or emphysema)
- **Inability to disembark** from a vessel without assistance, except for a person with restricted mobility or an otherwise healthy young child.

## DISEASES OF CONCERN

Crew must notify a Quarantine officer if any of the above symptoms are present as this may indicate that they have one of the following diseases:

Cholera	Dengue fever	Influenza
Measles	Polio	Smallpox
Plague	Rabies	Tuberculosis
Typhoid fever	Yellow fever	Malaria
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)		
Viral Haemorrhagic Fever of Humans		
Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Humans (Bird Flu)		