Responsibilities and Services
The Port and Airport Health Service is responsible for infectious disease controls and public health protection in the Port of Hamburg and the airport. Our public health doctors and inspectors are on duty around the clock and will be happy to assist you or visit you on board.

We are responsible for
• providing hygiene monitoring and advisory services (drinking water, food, wastewater, hospital and general ship hygiene);
• receiving notifications of cases of infectious disease and deaths on board, which the master of a ship is legally required to make;
• investigating outbreaks of infectious diseases on board;
• providing advice on medical equipment;
• carrying out prevention campaigns;
• controlling the proper use of medicines in accordance with the German Regulation governing the Prescription of Drugs (BtMVV);
• issuing various certifications/certificates (see on the right);
• providing medical consultation/treatment to seafarers (see below).

Medical Services for Seafarers
Vaccination for Seafarers
Travel vaccine consultation (yellow fever vaccination center) Marckmannstraße 129 b, 20539 Hamburg
Please call to make an appointment on: +49 40 42845-2209

Consulting Hours for Seafarers at DUCKDALBEN (International Seamen Club)
Anonymous, confidential and free of charge medical consultation services for seafarers and truck drivers Zellmannstraße 16, 21129 Hamburg
For free shuttle services from the terminals, call the freephone number on: 0800-3825 3252 36

Certificates und Certifications*
Prescription of Medicines as provided for in BtMVV
• Upon request of the supplying pharmacy we write prescriptions for medicine for use on board.

Ship Sanitation Certificate
(in accordance with the International Health Regulations)
• We carry out comprehensive inspections of ships in accordance with Article 39 International Health Regulations (IHR).

Note: All international vessels must have a ship sanitation certificate. It is valid for not more than 6 months. If you require a ship sanitation certificate for a passenger vessel, please notify us not less than 1 week in advance.

Drinking Water Certification
• We take drinking water samples and inspect the supply system (periodically or as required by legislation when the situation calls for it or upon specific request by the ship’s master).
• We assess the drinking water quality on board vessels, aircrafts, tankers/petrol tankers, and in port properties and determine whether it is microbiologically and chemically safe to drink.

Note: Please have the previous findings and diagrams of the drinking water supply system available for inspection. In the case of passenger vessels, the diagrams must be submitted to the HPHC not less than 1 week in advance to enable us to prepare a sampling schedule.

Death Certificates / Release of the body for Import
• We issue death certificates in the event of a death on board
• We officially release the body for import into Hamburg

Other Certificates and Expert Opinions, e.g.
• Free Pratique (licence to enter a port pursuant to IHR)
• Expert assessment of the drinking water technology on board
• Certificate of vaccination and/or exemption for medical reasons
• Alcohol content and drug tests
• Disposal of medicines as provided for in BtMVV

* (chargeable; upon appointment only)

The Hamburg Port Health Center (HPHC)
• is an institution of the Institute for Hygiene and Environment, Hamburg’s Institute of Food Safety, Public Health Protection and Environmental Assessments;
• forms part of the Port and Airport Health Service and the Vaccination Center;
• is led by a director who is also the chairman of the Ship Sanitation Committee of German Federal States (AkKü). More information on AkKü is available at http://www.ship-sanitation.net.

Vaccination Center
Like the Port and Airport Health Service, Hamburg Vaccination Center forms part of the HPHC. Besides offering services to seafarers, it is also open to the general public. It provides advice on vaccinations and related issues, including travel vaccines and precautionary measures, and is a state-authorised yellow fever vaccination center. Its employees administer publicly recommended vaccinations to adults and children. Please make an appointment in advance.

Vaccination Center
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Internet: https://www.hamburg.de/impfzentrum

Institute for Hygiene and Environment
The Institute for Hygiene and Environment is an institution under the Ministry for Environment, Climate, Energy and Agriculture of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. It is divided into three departments, namely food safety and zoonoses, hygiene and infectious diseases (which includes the HPHC) and environmental assessments. The institute has some 300 employees (medical staff, veterinarians, food chemists, chemists and other science staff, engineers, technical and administrative staff), who make every effort, every day, to monitor environmental conditions, avert dangers to humans, animals and nature, protect consumers against deficient products, and preserve the health of the population.
Collaboration with the Maritime Medicine Working Group

The Port and Airport Health Service works closely together with the Maritime Medicine Working Group of the Central Institute for Occupational and Maritime Medicine (ZfAM). The latter carries out scientific projects aimed at bringing about a lasting improvement of seafarers’ and port workers’ health and occupational safety and advises shipping companies, port health services, ministries and committees. At its training center the Maritime Medicine Working Group offers medical refresher courses (40 hours), which ship’s officers are legally required to attend, several times a year. In addition, the library of the Maritime Medicine Working Group has some 37,000 articles and reports on maritime medicine in store for interested experts and scientists.

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Port and Airport Health Service (HÄD)

The public health doctors and inspectors of HÄD must be granted unrestricted access to all areas of the port, ships and aircrafts to enable them to perform their medical duties. To protect the health of seafarers and travellers, their instructions must be followed and the measures to prevent the spreading of infectious diseases must be taken as required.

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