

## **March 2020 - Information for CMSG Members Regarding Covid-19**

Due to the unprecedented global Covid-19 pandemic, the Federal Government has been keeping Canadians updated with important information using the following websites:

Information for **all Canadians**:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Ship Safety Bulletins for **Marine Transportation Workers**:

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/bulletins-menu.htm>

Information for **Employees of the Federal Public Service** (including all GSO's):

<https://www.canada.ca/en/government/publicservice/covid-19.html>

Additional information for **Employees of DFO** (applicable to Coast Guard Officers):

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/covid19/information-eng.html>

Additional information for **Employees of DND** (applicable to GSO's at DND):

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/campaigns/covid-19.html>

As you may be aware, for over a year, the Guild has been making preparations for Guild representatives and delegates to participate in a National Convention which was expected to take place this May. As it is looking more and more likely that this event could be postponed, a decision was made in the past few weeks to stop booking any further travel arrangements for the Convention and to put all flights and reservations on hold until further notice, rather than incur any unnecessary charges. It is understood that many Members have far more important things to be concerned about during the current situation, but we commit to keeping the Branches and all delegates informed once further information regarding the Convention is available.

We encourage all Guild Members to follow all applicable guidelines and requirements regarding precautions that need to be taken to stay healthy during this very challenging crisis.