Ports play a key role in managing Public Health Events and preventing international spread of diseases.

A wide variety of risks on board ships

A potential gateway for international epidemics

A need for a balanced response to guarantee Public Health protection and Safe international travel and transport.

International Health Regulations

 Authorities and stakeholders have to manage events on board ships to limit impact on ports, and avoid international spread of diseases.
WHO provides States Parties, ports, and ship operators, with guidance to manage public health events on board ships: to better prevent spread of diseases, and to assist them in contingency planning and implementation of health measures.

This guidance is a "toolbox" from which countries can select the most relevant elements to address their own needs.

To download the complete guidance including the guide “Handbook for the management of public health events on board ships”
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