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A MESSAGE TO THE CAL MARITIME FAMILY REGARDING MEXICAN SWINE FLU AND CRUISE

The recent outbreak of swine flu in Mexico, and reports of additional cases in other locations, has naturally raised questions, particularly in regard to the planned call of the Training Ship Golden Bear in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, June 21-24, during her summer training voyage.

Because that call is some two months from now, it is our plan to closely monitor the situation during our voyage and make final decisions on whether or not to call Puerto Vallarta depending on the circumstances at that time. We will make similar assessments about calls throughout the cruise itinerary and adjust as necessary if we believe circumstances warrant. Modern shipboard communications enable us to maintain real-time access to numerous information resources throughout our journey. Trained medical personnel are aboard Golden Bear throughout the training voyage.

The Cal Maritime health services department has already sent an advisory to all members of the campus family with information on health and sanitary precautions which should be taken to minimize potential transmission of viral diseases, and steps the individual should take if they begin to exhibit potential symptoms of an occurrence. Additional information can be found at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Website.

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