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Supplemental Information regarding Onboard Mask Use (Rev. 3)

The Institute for Marine-Earth Exploration and Engineering (MarE3) has set the *Policies for the JAMSTEC/MarE3's Responses to the COVID-19 during the Cruises [Rev. 5]* on 1 February 2023, to prevent, as much as possible, the spread of COVID-19 onboard during a cruise.

Upon receiving the newly issued mask use guidance starting from 13 March 2023 from the Japan Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare , we will make some changes on the guidelines for onboard mask use which is applicable from 13 March 2023.

The guidelines for onboard mask use are modified as follows:

- Mask use largely depends on a personal choice (*See Note*).
- In case of an occurrence of a person who is strongly suspected to be infected by COVID-19 during a cruise, wear a mask in the interior of the ship (accommodation and other closed areas).

Note: The Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare website “Mask Use”

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/001065987.pdf>

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