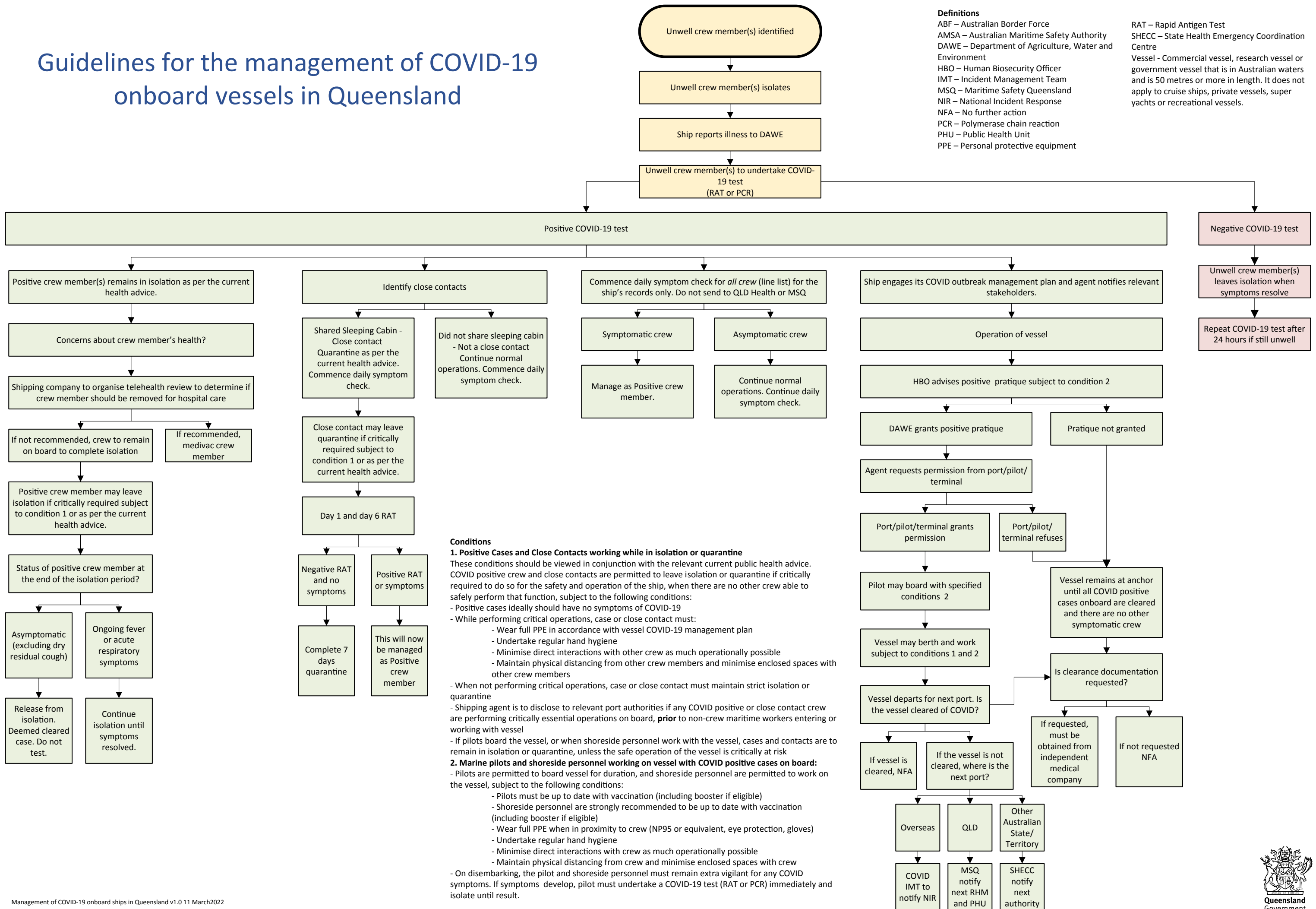


Guidelines for the management of COVID-19 onboard vessels in Queensland

Definitions

ABF – Australian Border Force
 AMSA – Australian Maritime Safety Authority
 DAWE – Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment
 HBO – Human Biosecurity Officer
 IMT – Incident Management Team
 MSQ – Maritime Safety Queensland
 NIR – National Incident Response
 NFA – No further action
 PCR – Polymerase chain reaction
 PHU – Public Health Unit
 PPE – Personal protective equipment

RAT – Rapid Antigen Test
 SHECC – State Health Emergency Coordination Centre
 Vessel - Commercial vessel, research vessel or government vessel that is in Australian waters and is 50 metres or more in length. It does not apply to cruise ships, private vessels, super yachts or recreational vessels.



Conditions

1. Positive Cases and Close Contacts working while in isolation or quarantine

These conditions should be viewed in conjunction with the relevant current public health advice. COVID positive crew and close contacts are permitted to leave isolation or quarantine if critically required to do so for the safety and operation of the ship, when there are no other crew able to safely perform that function, subject to the following conditions:

- Positive cases ideally should have no symptoms of COVID-19
- While performing critical operations, case or close contact must:
 - Wear full PPE in accordance with vessel COVID-19 management plan
 - Undertake regular hand hygiene
 - Minimise direct interactions with other crew as much operationally possible
 - Maintain physical distancing from other crew members and minimise enclosed spaces with other crew members
- When not performing critical operations, case or close contact must maintain strict isolation or quarantine

- Shipping agent is to disclose to relevant port authorities if any COVID positive or close contact crew are performing critically essential operations on board, **prior** to non-crew maritime workers entering or working with vessel

2. Marine pilots and shoreside personnel working on vessel with COVID positive cases on board:

- Pilots are permitted to board vessel for duration, and shoreside personnel are permitted to work on the vessel, subject to the following conditions:
 - Pilots must be up to date with vaccination (including booster if eligible)
 - Shoreside personnel are strongly recommended to be up to date with vaccination (including booster if eligible)
 - Wear full PPE when in proximity to crew (NP95 or equivalent, eye protection, gloves)
 - Undertake regular hand hygiene
 - Minimise direct interactions with crew as much operationally possible
 - Maintain physical distancing from crew and minimise enclosed spaces with crew
- On disembarking, the pilot and shoreside personnel must remain extra vigilant for any COVID symptoms. If symptoms develop, pilot must undertake a COVID-19 test (RAT or PCR) immediately and isolate until result.