



Crew Members from Holland America Line's Koningsdam Receive COVID-19 Vaccinations at Port of San Diego Today

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Sharp HealthCare safely vaccinates crew in the port B Street Cruise Terminal

SEATTLE, May 19, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Holland America Line crew members from *Koningsdam* received their first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination today at the Port of San Diego in California. Arranged in partnership with Sharp HealthCare, a not-for-profit regional health care group, 118 crew came ashore to be vaccinated.



During a brief ceremony, Captain Henk Draper, master of *Koningsdam*, remarked how the crew vaccinations were a welcome step as the ship waits to resume cruising. Also on hand were Rafael Castellanos, commissioner of the Port of San Diego, and Brett McClain, executive vice president and COO of Sharp HealthCare.

"Today is an incredible day, not only for our team members on *Koningsdam*, but for our entire organization as we continue to take the necessary steps to get back to cruising," said Gus Antorcha, president of Holland America Line. "We extend our deepest gratitude to Sharp HealthCare for vaccinating our crew, and to everyone at Port of San Diego for offering the terminal and allowing us to make this process safe and smooth."

On Thursday, May 20, Sharp HealthCare also will vaccinate 179 crew aboard *Noordam*, which will be at a nearby anchorage just off Coronado for the day. Likewise, 231 crew from *Nieuw Amsterdam* will receive Pfizer vaccines from healthcare provider Ambulnz on Friday, May 21, while the ship is alongside at San Pedro, California.

Starting in October 2021 through April 2022, *Koningsdam* and *Zuiderdam* will homeport out of San Diego for a season of cruises to Hawaii, Mexico, the Pacific Coast, Panama Canal and South Pacific. In total, four ships will make 35 calls: *Koningsdam* in its inaugural season in San Diego (21 calls), *Zuiderdam* (12 calls), *Eurodam* (one call) and *Nieuw Amsterdam* (one call). The estimated economic impact of each ship visit is \$300,000 for the San Diego region.

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In light of COVID-19, Holland America Line is currently enhancing health and safety protocols and how they may impact future cruises. Our actual offerings may vary from what is displayed or described in marketing materials. Review our current [Cruise Updates](#), [Health & Safety](#)

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