



## CMTS COVID-19 Working Group U.S. Mariner Mental Health Needs during COVID-19 Survey

The [U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System \(CMTS\) COVID-19 Working Group \(C-19 WG\)](#) encourages mariners from all segments of the U.S. maritime industry to take ten minutes to anonymously complete the “Mariner Mental Health Needs during Covid-19” online survey at <https://redcap.link/mariners>.

The confidential survey asks mariners a variety of questions about COVID-19, mental health, and their experiences and feelings when aboard a vessel during the challenges of this worldwide pandemic. No mariner identification data will be collected. Survey participation from a significant portion of the mariners in each industry segment is critical to understanding how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their mental health. The survey is available from January 22 through May 31, 2021.

Results from the survey will be shared with federal agencies, vessel owners/operators, mariner unions, maritime training institutions, seafarer welfare organizations and MTS stakeholders to facilitate development of effective solutions that benefit our mariners’ mental well-being.

Mariner unions, vessel operators, vessel owners, mariner training institutions and industry associations are requested to encourage and facilitate the prompt participation of their mariners in this survey. MTS stakeholders are requested to widely distribute this announcement within the U.S. maritime industry.

The survey is being conducted independently by [Dr. Marissa Baker](#), Assistant Professor & Industrial Hygiene Program Director, University of Washington School of Public Health. Individual responses will be kept confidential at the School. The survey allows mariners to skip any question which they do not wish to answer.

This survey is supported by [Centers for Disease Prevention & Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [COVID-19 Working Group \(C-19 WG\)](#) of the federal interagency [U.S. Committee on the Marine Transportation System \(CMTS\)](#). The C-19 WG serves as the CMTS forum for facilitating high-level interagency discussion, communication, and actions in support of the MTS under and after COVID-19. The C-19 WG has published the following resources for mariners and the U.S. Marine Transportation System:

- [CMTS COVID-19 Working Group Nov 18, 2020 Webinar: COVID-19 Testing Strategies for U.S. Merchant Mariners - Slides](#)
- [Catalog of COVID-19 Federal Guidance and References for the U.S. Maritime Industry](#)
- [Catalog of COVID-19 Best Management Practices for the U.S. Maritime Industry](#)
- [Catalog of Mental Health Resources for U.S. Merchant Mariners and Critical Workforce in the Marine Transportation System](#)

The [Ship Operations Cooperative Program \(SOCP\)](#) - whose members include vessel owners/operators, mariner unions, maritime academies, maritime training institutions, classification societies, other maritime industry stakeholders and government agencies - is also actively supporting this project to enhance the mental well-being of U.S. mariners.

For more information on this survey, please click [here](#). Please email any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this mariner survey to Dr. Marissa Baker, University of Washington, at [bakermg@uw.edu](mailto:bakermg@uw.edu) and Nuns Jain, Staff Lead, C-19 WG, at [C19WG@cmts.gov](mailto:C19WG@cmts.gov).