

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are contacting all passengers on the Ruby Princess voyage 8-19 March 2020, after a crew member of this vessel was diagnosed with tuberculosis this week.

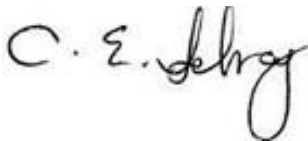
Most importantly, there is no reason to believe you are at increased risk of contracting tuberculosis from being on the cruise ship. You do not need to take any action as a result of this information, and you do not need to be screened at this time. However, we want to let you know of the situation to allay any concerns.

Tuberculosis is spread from a person with active disease after close and prolonged contact with that person, rather than casual exposure.

This crew member is currently a patient being treated in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney and was diagnosed many weeks after you were on the cruise. A panel of tuberculosis experts met yesterday after the patient was diagnosed with tuberculosis. The people who may be at risk of infection include some hospital staff, roommates, close friends and workmates. Passengers on the ship are at very low risk of infection.

Sydney Local Health District is caring for the patient and following up those people at increased risk of infection so they can be checked for infection and receive preventive treatment if necessary.

For more information, please see our Tuberculosis factsheet, available at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Tuberculosis.aspx> or phone 1800 610 344 (within Australia) / +61 2 9391 9875 (international).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. E. Selvey".

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