UNOLS Update – COVID-19 & return to ops

- Pause in Operations – 17 March, targeted return to ops ~1 July
- Developed guidance for restarting science operations
  - Operators conduct risk assessments, implement risk mitigation, develop outbreak management plans
  - Joint decision with Chief Scientist on Go / No-Go
  - Review with funding agencies & UNOLS Office
- On-line Meetings with Marine Superintendents & Principal Investigators to review updated guidance
- Starting with low risk cruises
  - Sikuliaq – NGA LTER
  - Neil Armstrong – OOI Pioneer
  - Neil Armstrong – OOI OSNAP
  - Sally Ride – CCE-LTER
  - Thomas G Thompson – OOI-EA
  - Plus: Pelican, Atlantic Explorer, Hugh Sharp, Rachel Carson, & Robert G Sproul
- Resources – see UNOLS Coronavirus Webpage
- 2020 Re-scheduling & 2021 Scheduling underway

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Background for UNOLS COVID-19 Considerations and Guidance Cont’d

• Real world events
  ▫ USS Theodore Roosevelt
  ▫ USS Kidd
  ▫ F/V American Dynasty & sister ships
• CDC, WHO, ICS, USCG
• GW Medical
• UW Medical
• Discovery Health

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UNOLS COVID-19 Considerations and Guidance

- Pre-cruise planning
- Preparing for Operations
- Risk Assessment & Mitigation
  - Marine Superintendent & Chief Scientist
- Self Isolation and Testing
  - Availability of Testing Starting to Become A Challenge Again
- Final Risk Determination – Go / No-Go
  - Joint decision
- Agency concurrence

Exceptional collaborative effort by Ship Operators and Scientists to make science happen!

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Life onboard

• Masks required  
• Social Distancing  
• Increased cleaning regimes  
• Lots of hand-washing  
• Single state rooms when possible  
• No/limited self-service of food & drinks  
• Meals in shifts – reduced mess deck seating  
• Limits to personnel in the gym & lounges  
• Relax protocols after 14 days underway if no issues