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
- Starting with low risk cruises
  - Sikuliaq – Russ Hopcroft – NGA LTER
  - Neil Armstrong – Al Pleuddemann – OOI Pioneer
  - Neil Armstrong – Bob Pickart – OOI OSNAP
  - Pelican & Atlantic Explorer
- Resources – see UNOLS Coronavirus Webpage
- 2020 Re-scheduling & 2021 Scheduling underway
- UNOLS Marine Facilities Planning (MFP) Development

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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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• Pre-cruise planning
• Preparing for Operations
• Risk Assessment & Mitigation
  ▫ Marine Superintendent & Chief Scientist
• Self Isolation and Testing
• Final Risk Determination – Go / No-Go
  ▫ Joint decision
• Agency concurrence

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Life onboard

• Masks required
• Social Distancing
• Increased cleaning regimes
• Lots of hand-washing
• No/limited self-service of food & drinks
• Meals in shifts – reduced mess deck seating
• Limits to personnel in the gym & lounges