

River Quarantine Station without detention of either vessels or persons longer than may be necessary to place such vessels in perfect sanitary condition.

Vessels of second and third classes to undergo the same treatment as those of the first class, together with detention for observation for such length of time after completion of disinfection as the Board of Health may determine.

All vessels arriving from ports known or suspected to be infected with cholera, shall be subjected to maritime sanitation and such detention as the Board of Health may determine.

Vessels arriving from ports and places belonging to the second, third, and fourth classes, as set forth in the above schedule, shall not be allowed to pass the Rigolets, the Atchafalaya, or Lake Charles Quarantine Station, or other quarantine stations which may hereafter be established, without having undergone proper maritime sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station.

Vessels engaged in the tropical fruit trade, whose sanitary condition and health record are satisfactory, may be allowed to pass the Mississippi River Quarantine Station after inspection, subject, however, to such regulations and sanitary treatment as the Board of Health may prescribe.

Quarantine officers at the several stations in this State are specially charged and required to strictly enforce the execution of this proclamation, and the Board of Health in the city of New Orleans is requested to prosecute vigorously all violators of the same, as well as of the quarantine laws and regulations of this State.

Given under my official signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge, this 19th day of April, A.D. 1895.

MURPHY J. FOSTER,
Governor of Louisiana.

By the Governor:
T. S. ADAMS, Secretary of State.

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana, held April 24 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in accordance with the Governor's proclamation of quarantine, the period of detention of vessels from infected or suspected ports having no sickness on board shall be three (3) full days from time of completion of disinfection.

This regulation to apply to all vessels not otherwise provided for and continue in full force during the quarantine season, unless modified by action of this Board.

Resolved, That hereafter full quarantine restrictions will be imposed on all vessels whose officers wilfully attempt deception in regard to any case of sickness, or material capable of carrying infection, or wilfully disregard the rules and regulations of the Board of Health; and such detention will be imposed thereafter on every vessel on which any officer who has previously attempted to practise deception is found in any official capacity.

Resolved, That vessels from tropical quarantined ports, where a United States medical officer is stationed, such vessels carrying a crew, each of which is acclimated - i.e., has had yellow fever, may be given pratique to come to New Orleans immediately after disinfection at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, under the following additional conditions: They shall bring no passengers from such ports. They shall not be moored at any wharf in any quarantined port, but lie in the open bay: cargoes to be lightered.

Only the captain and purser, or officer necessary to enter and clear the vessel, shall be allowed to go on shore at quarantined ports. Crews shall not be allowed to sleep on deck while in such ports. They must bring certificates from the United States medical officer that there has been no unnecessary communication between the ship's crew and the shore, and that they leave such port in perfect sanitary condition. No bedding or household effects will be allowed to be brought from any infected port at any season of the year.

Special Instructions to Owners, Agents, Masters of Vessels, and Passengers.

The Louisiana State Board of Health recommends the following suggestions to agents, owners, masters of vessels, and passengers for the purpose of facilitating the work of quarantine officers and reducing the period of detention to a minimum:

1. That vessels should be stripped during the quarantine season of all woollen hangings, carpets, curtains, and such-like materials, and upholstered furniture as far as practicable. Hair or moss mattresses to be replaced by wire or wicker beds.

2. That, as far as possible, vessels trading with tropical ports should be manned with acclimated crews.

3. Masters of vessels, ship and consular agents are earnestly requested to instruct passengers from quarantinable ports to dispense, as far as possible, with baggage which may be injured by wetting, or heat (230° F.) while undergoing disinfection. Such passengers are especially warned against bringing furs, silks, skins, laces, velvets, and other fabrics of delicate texture, as they will be compelled to assume all risks of injury.

While in ports infected with yellow fever, vessels should be anchored out in the harbour, when this is possible, and the crew prohibited from going ashore, especially at night.

5. When practicable, cargoes should be loaded in such a manner as to allow access to the pumps, and also to allow the quarantine officers to pump out and wash the bilge.

6. For the purpose of avoiding delay and expense at quarantine, owing to the necessity of shifting of cargo for the object of disinfection, it is recommended that there be constructed in all vessels from quarantined ports, an open framework shaft, fifteen inches in diameter, from the centre of each hatch, through which the fumigating pipe may be introduced down to the dunnage of the vessel.

7. Special attention should be given to cleanliness of vessels and persons, and provision should be made for all possible ventilation of the entire vessel. The best disinfectant, and instructions for using same, can be obtained by application to the Board of Health or any of its officers.

8. Masters should, before arrival, see that the bilge is thoroughly pumped out and cleansed, and that the entire vessel be put in such good sanitary condition as to permit of the least possible detention. Fruit vessels, particularly, should be kept thoroughly cleansed for the purpose of avoiding delay at the quarantine station.

9. Vessels observing the above recommendations will receive special consideration at the quarantine station, detention and cost of cleaning, disinfecting, etc., being materially lessened thereby.

WILL. R. HARNAN, M.D., Secretary.
S. R. OLLIPHANT, M.D., President.