



1) This Week at a Glance



CDC Concludes Hantavirus Response

CDC closed its public health response related to the MV Hondius Andes hantavirus event. All monitored U.S. passengers completed the 42-day observation period without developing disease. Routine cruise passengers are not considered at elevated risk.



Takeaway: Cruise-related disease investigations are managed seriously and aggressively.



GI Illness Monitoring Continues

The CDC Vessel Sanitation Program continues publishing gastrointestinal illness outbreak reports and monitoring vessels when reporting thresholds are exceeded. Norovirus remains the most common onboard illness, but major outbreaks are still uncommon relative to total cruise volume.



Takeaway: Most cruises remain healthy, but hand hygiene still matters.



Atlantic Hurricane Season Remains Quiet

As of June 29, the National Hurricane Center reports no active tropical cyclones in the Atlantic Basin. Current conditions support normal cruise operations across much of the Caribbean.



Takeaway: Near-term outlook is favorable, but later summer sailings should keep watching forecasts.



2) Current Cruise Outlook



Health Conditions



Stable

Public health conditions remain steady.



Weather Outlook



Favorable

No major weather threats impacting cruise routes.



Operations



Normal

Cruise operations continue as planned.



3) Cruise Industry Snapshot

- Most major cruise lines continue operating published itineraries without widespread weather-related changes.
- Cruise operators continue emphasizing illness reporting, sanitation, and rapid isolation when necessary rather than broad restrictions.
- *Flexible itineraries remain an important seasonal safety feature, not a sign of broader concern.*



4) Weather & Maritime Outlook



Atlantic Basin:

No active tropical cyclones.



Eastern Pacific:

No major tropical threats expected to affect cruise itineraries.



Mediterranean:

Summer heat continues; hydration and sun protection remain important.





1) Destination Spotlight: Juneau, Alaska



Peak cruise season.



Weather: Mid-50s to upper 60s °F with occasional rain.



Health: Pack waterproof layers and sturdy footwear; light mosquito activity possible.



Medical care: Hospital and urgent care available for routine needs.



Transportation: Downtown is walkable; shuttle buses serve popular attractions.



Caution: Tourist scams are limited, but be cautious with unofficial excursions.



Emergency number: 911.



Cultural note: Juneau offers strong opportunities to learn about Tlingit history and traditions.



2) Health Tip of the Week

Wash Hands Before Every Meal

Handwashing remains the most effective way to reduce gastrointestinal illness aboard cruise ships.



Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Use hand sanitizer as a supplement, not a replacement.



Avoid buffet utensils if you have symptoms of illness.



3) Safety Tip of the Week

Excursion Awareness

Common mistakes: returning late, choosing operators without good safety records, forgetting emergency contact information.

Best practices: allow extra time returning to port, carry your ship card and passport copy, know the ship's all-aboard time.



5) Trusted Resource + Travel Stat

Trusted Resource

CDC Vessel Sanitation Program

Tracks gastrointestinal illness outbreaks and publishes cruise inspection information.

Travel Stat

2026 Hurricane Outlook

NOAA estimates a 55% chance of a below-normal Atlantic hurricane season in 2026.



Even quieter seasons can still produce itinerary-disrupting storms.



7) Looking Ahead



Hurricane activity may gradually increase.



Alaska cruise demand will remain high.



Mediterranean destinations will stay hot.



Cruise lines are expected to maintain normal summer operations unless tropical systems develop.

