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Braemar's 'Western Caribbean & Central America' fly-cruise update - 17/03/2020

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines can confirm that Braemar is now standing approximately five miles off the coast of Havana, Cuba.

Once all of the flights have arrived in Cuba to return guests to the UK, in the early hours of tomorrow morning, Braemar will move alongside.

We have been working closely with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to arrange flights and onward travel. All guests who are deemed fit to travel will be flown back to the UK, with flights to depart from Cuba from Wednesday evening local time.

Any guests who are considered not to be well enough to fly will be offered support and medical treatment in Cuba.

It is important to us to communicate confirmed travel plans to our guests on board the ship first, so we would ask you to bear with us before we release any information on this publicly. The ship is operating four hours behind UK time, so we expect to confirm more details this afternoon.

Braemar left The Bahamas yesterday morning (Monday, 16th March), where the ship had been at anchor to take on food and medical supplies from Freeport.

There are currently 25 guests and 27 crew in isolation, having shown influenza-like symptoms, including a doctor. This includes five people who tested positive for COVID-19 coronavirus at our last port of call, Willemstad, Curaçao, on Tuesday (March 10th).

A dedicated *Braemar* Relative Support Team has been set up at Fred. Olsen's UK Head Office to give a direct point of contact for those who have relatives on board. Relatives can reach this team by calling +44 (0) 1473 292350 between the hours of 8am and 8pm.

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