

Cetacean Sanctuary Research CSR; April 2021 update on COVID-19

Please note that all of the measures are subject to change. Measures not listed here may be implemented if this is deemed necessary. We will be starting our research season and welcoming our first project participants from 17th May.

Advice for those travelling to Italy

You can find real-time information for travelling to Italy at <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?id=5411&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto>. You may also check the European Commission [Re-open EU web platform](#) containing information on borders, available means of transport and tourism services in the Member States and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19-pandemic>

More details on Covid-19 diagnostic tests in Italian airports and all the needed documents can be found at:

<https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/normativaonline/decreto-iorestoacasa-domande-frequenti/focus-cittadini-italiani-in-rientro-dall-estero-e-cittadini-stranieri-in-italia.html>

If exhibiting possible symptoms, you may contact the **COVID-19 hotline** calling 1500 for guidance on testing and referral for medical care. In case of **emergency in Italy dial 112 or 118**

Travelers are recommended to contact testing centres in advance for appointments and not expect to be able to test and receive results the day of travel. Test results may be delivered by e-mail or in hard copy provided in person; please check with the testing facility how results are communicated.

Measures taken by the Tethys Research Institute - CSR

(These may be amended depending on the evolution of the situation and advice by health authorities)

We take this situation very seriously, and the safety of our staff and project participants is our top priority. Our researchers will take the utmost precaution to help participants having a safe, educational and enjoyable experience at the CSR.

During the current Covid-19 pandemic our priority at the Tethys Research Institute is to ensure health and safety for both participants and the staff of our research projects.

At the moment of their arrival at the boat, participants in the Cetacean Sanctuary Research project must provide either a certificate of vaccination or the negative result of a PCR or antigen test taken within the last 72 hours

Any participant not fulfilling this requirement will not be allowed to come on board.

Those planning to visit Italy before joining the CSR project must keep in mind that they will have to be tested negative, once in Italy, within the 72 hours before to come on board.

In case someone failed to take the Covid-test in the 72 hours prior to boarding, it's possible to take an antigen test (rapid test) in a laboratory in Sanremo, the town where our research boat is moored.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

Covid Test	Time for results	Cost
Antigen test (rapid test)	Within 1 hour	€ 50 - 60

- The Lab below works Monday-Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 7am to 10am.
- It is recommended to contact the testing centre in advance for appointments.
There are English speakers among the lab staff

A.C.A.D. – Corso Matteotti, 34 - 18038 Sanremo, Italy. The reservation can be made by telephone: +39 0184 532532, or by e-mail message acadlabsanremo.com.

The result will be then sent to the patient via email within 30-60 minutes.

The key measures that have been implemented by the CSR are listed below:

- Only people who have completed and signed the SELF-DECLARATION FORM FOR ACCESS TO THE BOAT will be admitted on board
- Every morning all CSR team members and participants will have their body temperature taken and logged;
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer dispensers will also be available in different points of the boat (project participants are encouraged to bring also some of their own)



- The best and most consistent way of preventing the spread of the coronavirus—and reducing the risk of contracting it— remains washing your hands with soap and water as a first choice, and avoiding touching your face as much as possible;
- Project participants are encouraged to bring with them enough masks (preferably reusable ones) to be covered during their stay on board.

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PLEASE, participants in the Cetacean Sanctuary Research project should sign the declaration below, scan it or take a picture with a cell phone and send it to tethys@tethys.org before getting to Italy.

I, _____, participating in CSR cruise____, between ____/____/____ and ____/____/____ declare that **I have read and I have understood the IDP Expedition Briefing and the measures taken by the Tethys Research Institute – CSR in response to Covid-19 and I will adhere to them during my stay at the CSR.**

Sincerely yours,

Signature

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)