

COVID-19 - ESRF bulletin - updated on 12 May 2020

ESRF onsite activities are resuming gradually as of this week, following procedures in line with the measures implemented by the French authorities. Consequently, this information bulletin, the main purpose of which has been to inform staff about activities during the ESRF site closure and the implementation of the ESRF Continuity Plan for a pandemic, will be suspended. Information on restart activities will be provided via the DM news to staff and the normal email and intranet information channels.

- The ESRF restart plan for a progressive return to activity, which received a positive approval from the CSE (*Comité Social et Économique*), has been set up with the following objectives:
 - ✓ to guarantee the protection of staff and visitors' health, safety and working conditions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic when working on the ESRF site;
 - ✓ to enable – consistently with the 2020 ESRF strategic objectives – the implementation of User Service Mode (USM) on a maximum number of beamlines from 25 August 2020, and COVID-19-related research on operational ESRF platforms (Cryo-EM, BM05, ID23-2, ID30-MASSIF1 and ID30B).
- This restart plan will be presented to staff members, long-term visitors and CRG staff during a Zoom webinar on Thursday 14 May 2020 at 14.00. An invitation email will be sent to all onsite colleagues.
- During the first phase of the restart plan, from 11 May to 1 June 2020, only ESRF staff members and contractors will be admitted on site. A gradual return to work onsite is planned up to a maximum number of 100 ESRF staff members, minimising the simultaneous presence of people at a given time and work place. Staff members to come onsite will be informed by their supervisors, on the basis of work requiring their presence onsite. They will have to follow a series of hygiene and safety measures and procedures required to ensure safe working conditions.

- Staff coming onsite will have to fulfil the conditions indicated by the Works Doctor on 17 March 2020. In case of doubt or in case of “fragile health conditions”, staff are invited to contact the Works Doctor (debois@ill.fr) before coming onsite.
- People coming onsite must follow the mandatory COVID-19 safety training on the User Portal:
<https://smis.esrf.fr/misapps/SMISWebClient/protected/welcome.do>
(follow link then choose tab safety/staff safety training/COVID-19 training).
- It is expected that the restaurant will resume activity as of 25 May 2020. In the meanwhile, staff members coming onsite may receive a meal allowance.
- All staff members coming onsite must register using an application accessible via a link that will be provided by their supervisors. They must provide their name, phone number, work location and their planned departure time. **This registration is compulsory** to monitor the presence of people onsite for safety reasons and to enable Management to validate meal and other applicable allowances.
- During the restart period, teleworking will be privileged whenever possible to fulfil the guidelines defined by the French authorities. Supervisors are invited to maintain regular and frequent contacts with staff members under their direct supervision, and to organise their tasks and work plans for the coming weeks. The IT hotline will be maintained to support staff members who are teleworking, and when using tele- and video-conference tools. The IT hotline can be contacted: by email at helpdesk@esrf.fr.