

COVID-19 - ESRF bulletin - updated on 5 May 2020

- The ESRF site is still closed and the ESRF continuity plan for a pandemic will remain in place until the restart, which is presently planned to begin during the week of 11-15 May 2020. Until then, the measures and recommendations presented in the previous communications are still valid, and staff members are invited to refer to them.
- ESRF Management is planning a gradual restart over the period 11 May to 1 June 2020, in line with the measures announced by the French authorities. During this first phase, only ESRF staff members and contractors will be admitted on site. Management plans a gradual return to work on site of up to a maximum number of 100 ESRF staff members, minimising the simultaneous presence of people at a given time and work place. During this first phase, most ESRF staff members will continue to do teleworking whenever possible. Staff members solicited to come on site will be contacted directly by the Directors and Heads of Division. The detailed planning and the distribution of the required protection equipment is being organised and will be communicated to the concerned staff members in due time.
- The first phase of the ESRF restart plan is very important to test our capacity to restart the ESRF activity in a safe manner for all people on site. Its implementation will be the basis on which to conceive a successive phase after 1 June in which an increased number of ESRF staff members, long-term visitors and personnel from CRG beamlines will be admitted on site.
- According to the present planning, during the first phase of the gradual ESRF restart (period 11 May – 1 June 2020), the main activities will be centred on the restart of a number of ESRF public beamlines. During a shutdown planned in June in the successive restart phase, the installation of a number of bending magnet sources for the CRG beamlines is planned.