



ING coronavirus procedures for: Visiting astronomers, Contractors

TO THE ATTENTION OF: All PIs and observers of approved observing projects on WHT and INT. Contractors visiting ING on ING business

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SUBJECT: Access restrictions to ING telescopes during the coronavirus outbreak

Telescope users, visitors and contractors planning a visit to ING are advised that:

- If they will be arriving at the ING from or via any of the **Level 1 areas** listed below, or plan to undertake such visits before arrival at ING, **their arrival at the ING must be deferred for 14 days** from their date of return from these areas.
- If they are arriving from or via any of the **Level 2 areas** listed below, they will be allowed in ING as long as they do not show symptoms of coronavirus infection: **fever, cough and breathing difficulties**. They must remain vigilant to the symptoms. If infection is suspected they must refrain from visiting ING. They must be aware of the controls established by the Health Authorities in regard to the spread of coronavirus; as of this writing, these controls require to immediately self-isolate and call the National Health Emergency number (UK: 111; Spain: 112). Under these symptoms, **their arrival at the ING must be deferred for 14 days from the date they are deemed healthy**.
- If they notice the following symptoms: **fever, cough and breathing difficulties**, AND they have had extended contact with a probable or confirmed case of coronavirus infection, as described below, they should immediately self-isolate and call the National Health Emergency number (UK: 111; Spain: 112). **Their arrival at the ING must be deferred for 14 days from the date they are deemed healthy**.

Visitors are advised that their ING hosts will enquire upon their arrival whether they fulfill the conditions above for entry into ING facilities:

- Visiting observers who do not fulfill these conditions will be invited to self-isolate in the Residencia.

- Contractors who do not fulfill these conditions will be invited to leave the Observatory premises.

These procedures will be updated following the recommendations of the National Health Authorities.

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Level 1 areas:

- **China** (all mainland areas, including Wuhan City and Hubei Province)
- **Iran**
- **North Italy ‘lockdown areas’ of:**
 - **Lombardy** Codogno, Castiglione d’Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertinico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano,; and
 - **Veneto** Vo’ Euganeo
- **South Korea ‘special care zones’** (Daegu & Cheongdo)

Level 2 areas:

- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Italy north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Republic of South Korea (excluding Daegu & Cheongdu)
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Close contact with a probable or confirmed case of coronavirus infection is understood as:

- Anyone who has provided care to a probable or confirmed case who had symptoms, such as: family members; health workers who have not used appropriate protective measures.
- Anyone who has been in the same place as a probable or confirmed case who showed symptoms, at a distance of less than 2 meters (e.g. cohabitants, visits).
- In an aircraft, ‘close contact’ means passengers within a two-seat radius of a probable or confirmed case who showed symptoms of coronavirus.