

Rules for working or staying at Tjärnö marine laboratory during Corona pandemic

These rules are an adjustment to the general operating procedures at the Tjärnö Marine Laboratory put in place to reduce the spread of infection during the coronavirus pandemic. They apply from 13 April 2021 until further notice. Updates will be made if necessary, following any changes to regulations and guidelines.

These rules have been put in place to allow guests and staff to work and study on station.

These rules apply to both those who are permanently employed on Tjärnö and those who are visiting the station for teaching or research.

Exceptions to these rules can be granted by the station manager (Kerstin Johannesson), station coordinator (Helen Veerman), the kitchen manager for questions about the dining room (Anette Hansen), or the captains of R/V Nereus (Karl-Henrik Gustaffson or Christian Torstensson) for decisions regarding the research vessel.

All courses must provide a risk assessment in good time before arrival! (If you require a template speak to Helen Sjöde Veerman 0766229635)

General measures

- Measures have been put in place in all work spaces to allow 2m distance between people to be maintained
 - Single rooms in the living spaces
 - Use of different entrances in the residences based on room location.
Information on this will be given on arrival
 - Greater distance between seats during meals in the dining hall
 - Permanent work spaces with greater distance in teaching and research lab spaces, wherever possible
 - Greater distance between seats in the auditorium and classrooms
 - Spreading out workstations or splitting up working time for permanent staff
- Separation of visitors and permanent staff through the use of separate entrances
 - Students are directed to the following, marked doors in the main building
 - Main entrance by package receiving room
 - Entrance to the course flush room
 - Rear entrance into the student lounge
- Multiple seating times at lunch
- Separate toilets in the lab (labelled with each course's name). All visitors are encouraged to use the toilets in their rooms as 'personal' toilets.
- Some activities will not be permitted during the pandemic
- Visiting students and researchers are encouraged to minimize physical contact with others before travelling to Tjärnö. All who can should bring their own sheets.
- Your own responsibility is the most important. Wash your hands, especially before meals, keep distance, and if you live in the residences and develop symptoms stay in your room and contact either your course leader or a member of staff.

Group sizes and specific rules for different activities

Accommodation

Single room accommodation means that we have a limited number of beds available. (This does not apply to high school groups, where accommodation will be in double rooms). For specific availability and booking contact Gunilla Johansson: booking.tjarno@gu.se or phone 031-7869637.

Dining room

Our dining room accommodates a maximum of 20 people (30 people for a single group) at a time under the new measures. It is important that everyone respects the lunch seating times, we now usually have two sessions - one for the visiting group and one for staff. Staff eat 11.45-12.30, and guests 12.30-13.15. Decals with "Keep a distance" are in place to remind everyone to maintain distance while queuing for food. Hand sanitizer and sinks to wash your hands are available at the entrance to the dining room.

The sauna is closed

During the pandemic, both saunas are closed to guests. Only staff who dive have access to the sauna in the dive shed, and those who live long-term in the White dormitory (not including courses) have access to the gym and sauna in the White dormitory.

Nereus (research vessel)

Groups are limited to a maximum of 16 people including teachers to allow proper space on deck when collecting and working with samples. This may mean that a visiting group must divide activities on the ship into several groups. If extra costs arise due to such a required division, the station will not charge for the increased ship time.

The interior areas on Nereus are small and now limited to a maximum of 3 people at a time belowdecks. There is a toilet, galley, and space to rest if needed belowdecks, but all other activities are done on the open deck regardless of the weather. It is therefore important that all participants have good clothing for an excursion with the ship.

Small boats

The small boats require training provided by Joel White or another staff member. If you need to use the small boats during your stay, contact Joel well in advance. The boats take a maximum number of people for maritime safety reasons; this number is unchanged during the pandemic.

The course laboratories

The two course wet labs now can accommodate only half the number of occupants, which is 16 in the large wet lab and 14 in the small. If necessary, one group can have access to both labs. Book with Gunilla at the reception.

During each course each participant should use the same workstation, the same stereo magnifier, and the same microscope whenever possible. (If sharing of materials is required, there is alcohol available for cleaning.)

There is no specified maximum number of people in the flush rooms used for storage and sorting of organisms. Here, course leaders and participants must take extra responsibility to maintain physical distance and avoid crowding around collected samples.

Classrooms

Tjärnö has an auditorium which during the pandemic takes 8 people, we recommend digital lectures (if you require special permission specify this in your risk assessment or ask when making the booking). There is also a larger classroom that now takes 8 participants. There are several different spaces for groups of 4-6 people to work in (the library, the student lounge, the computer room). For individual work, there is a desk and Wi-Fi in all bedrooms.

We are happy to help and answer questions before planning your stay on Tjärnö.

Helen Veerman (coordinator)

Gunilla Johansson (bookings)

Anna-Karin Ring (laboratories)

Karl-Henrik Gustafsson, Christian Torstensson (captains R/V Nereus)

Joel White (small boats)

Anette Hansen (kitchen manager)

If Covid-19 should become directly present on station it is important not to lay blame, but instead to work together and help keep each other safe. Bad luck and chance can play a large role in the spread of disease and it is vital that we focus on solutions.

Kerstin Johannesson / Station Manager