

## OIST- Froese Unit HSR guidelines during COVID-19 related restrictions

Froese Unit will follow the OIST [COVID-19 Guidance](#). Recruiting will consider who and under which conditions is allowed to enter the Campus and whether they need to take a PCR test in order to do so. As long as no general visitors are allowed on campus, we will recruit participants exclusively from the community of OIST, with the assumption that they will follow the rules and guidelines set by OIST.

Participation will be scheduled as needed.

1. Participants will be asked to come alone to avoid unnecessary contacts between staff and visitors
2. For the experiments that involve social interaction, we will schedule the participants' arrival such that they will not meet before the actual experiment. Additionally, we will reduce the time of interaction between the participants to the minimum necessary for the experiment.
3. Participants will be advised that they must not enter other OIST buildings.
4. To minimize the time participants spend in the lab, all the information relevant to the informed consent procedure will be sent to them electronically 24 hours prior to the experiment. We will reiterate major points of the Informed Consent verbally on site and answer additional questions posed by the participant. Then both researcher and participant will sign the Informed Consent Form in person.
5. Before entering the lab, participants
  - a. will have their temperature measured with a non-touch thermometer
  - b. will be asked to use a hand sanitizer
  - c. will be required to wear a mask if it is compatible with the experimental setup and research questions
6. Unit members that are uncomfortable being in the office during experimental sessions or have any health vulnerabilities will be offered an option to work from home on the days of the experiment.
7. The experimenters will wear masks and disinfect their hands between every experimental session.
8. After every experimental session
  - a. all the testing equipment and hard surfaces will be wiped with disinfectant
  - b. all washable components will be washed.
9. We will inform the participants about the guidelines in place and ask that they agree to them before arranging experimental sessions.