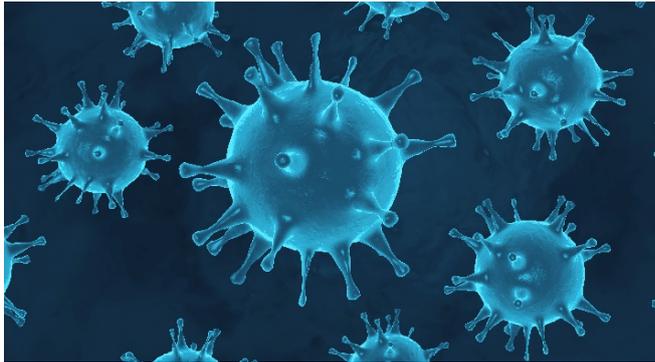




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## COVID-19 Update No. 4



The latest developments in Europe have shown that it is more important than ever to not act carelessly and be aware of the responsibilities we have towards more vulnerable members of society. COVID-19 is still present, and we are all experiencing challenging times. For this reason, we continue to implement exceptional measures in order to ensure that testing, auditing and certification can be adapted to this

extraordinary situation and continue as normal as possible.

We are pleased that we have been able to maintain our service level and meet the needs of our customers as well as provide for the health and safety of our employees, their families and the community.

Travelling capabilities are constantly changing and restrictions may affect site visits and audits depending on the region/country.

Offices which are still affected by restrictions due to hygiene and distancing measures remain available by phone, video conference and e-mail during working hours. We nevertheless greatly appreciate your understanding for any delays that may occur. In the meantime, we wish you all good health and hope that the situation will develop positively in the coming weeks and months. If you have any questions, please contact your [local branch office](#).

TESTEX is pleased to announce that various textile masks with the «TESTEX Community Mask» label are now available.

The «Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force» has developed a set of recommendations and defined what requirements textile masks should meet. Together with Empa, TESTEX has refined a testing procedure whereby textile masks are being evaluated on these recommended requirements for their filter function, splash resistance, wear comfort, reusability and additionally, their innocuousness. The label includes STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® certification, which ensures that the masks have been tested for harmful substances. For more information on the label please visit:

<https://www.testex.com/en/communitymask/index.php>

We will update this information on a regular basis.

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