

LCO Visitor Requirements: International and National

The primary changes from the previous protocols are:

1. Our 'Bubble Mode' has been altered to restrict access in the first 3 days in the common areas of the hotel and dining facility, but to allow work access to the control rooms and telescopes.
2. Mask use remains obligatory only in the following locations: shared transportation, entry to shared dining facility, Paramedic station, and within the control rooms (at least for the first 3 days).
3. There is no longer a requirement for the Mobility Pass or other officially registered vaccination status.
4. Following the health authorities in Chile, the current isolation period for anyone testing positive for Covid-19 is reduced from 7 to 5 days.

These changes are effective as of 01 October 2022

LCO International visitor requirements

In advance:

- Full vaccination is requested for all visitors. Foreign non-resident visitors will be asked to provide documented certification of vaccination from their country of origin. However, we have eliminated the requirement for Chilean government officially registered documentation of vaccination or the Mobility Pass.
- Prepare and share with the observatory staff at least 30 days in advance, a detailed visit plan that defines personnel roles as well as equipment needed and location for work on each given date. (This is not applicable for observers arriving for scheduled observing runs)
- All visits apart from observers coming for scheduled awarded telescope time require the authorization of the Director. Such authorization should be solicited well in advance by contacting LCO_assistants@carnegiescience.edu
- The LCO Travel form (<http://www.lco.cl/travel-arrangements-2/>) should be submitted at least 7 days prior to programmed travel to allow for transportation and lodging logistics to be authorized and confirmed.
- LCO will distribute information regarding our current Covid-19 protocols as well as any driving authorization on the site.

Visit requirements:

- All requirements to enter Chile and LCO [link](#).
- Prior to arrival and daily, LCO requires that you submit our Health Declaration (<http://www.lco.cl/saludlco/>) and receive an approved status.
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* OPTIONAL within the first 3 days of arrival to Chile: Access to LCO in bubble mode

- Transportation to the site in transport contracted by LCO with the company "Sol de Valle" or in another private transport contracted by visitors.
- Room block assignment for the first 3 days will require meal delivery to rooms on a fixed schedule.
- Permitted Access to work area assignment as well as control rooms with the obligatory use of masks during at least the first 3 days.
- Restricted occupancy of telescope kitchen areas to single occupancy when consuming food or drink within the first 3 days of visit.

Antigen Tests will be administered under the following schedule:

Test antígeno solicitados:

Type of Test	Day	Location
Antigen	1st day	Paramedic Station LCO
Antigen	3rd day	Paramedic Station LCO
Antigen	After 7 days)	Paramedic Station LCO

- Visitors will have tests scheduled and informed by the Administrative assistant at El Pino. It is the responsibility of each visitor to then attend the paramedic at the assigned station and time.

Any visitor with a positive test will require a subsequent PCR test and be moved to isolation nominally at LCO with the possibility of transfer to isolation in El Pino or to a medical facility in La Serena. The present duration of isolation is a 5-day quarantine

Requirements for those resident in Chile

In advance:

- Prepare and share with the observatory staff at least 30 days in advance, a detailed visit plan that defines personnel roles as well as equipment needed and location for work on each given date. (This is not applicable for observers arriving for scheduled observing runs)
- All visits apart from observers coming for scheduled awarded telescope time require the authorization of the Director. Such authorization should be solicited well in advance by contacting LCO_assistants@carnegiescience.edu
- The LCO Travel form (<http://www.lco.cl/travel-arrangements-2/>) should be submitted at least 7 days prior to programmed travel to allow for transportation and lodging logistics to be authorized and confirmed.

Visitor requirements:

- Negative antigen test (with a maximum of 24 hours old, considering the time of uploading to Montaña), sent to: LCO_assistants@carnegiescience.edu. The test result must be a certificate issued by an accredited laboratory. A photograph of the test is not valid.
- Health and Safety Form (<http://www.lco.cl/saludlco/>) approved by LCO. This form will need to be filed daily during your visit.
- Adherence with all LCO Covid-19 protocols.

All communications associated with any international visit to the observatory should be by email to LCO_assistants@carnegiescience.edu who will solicit the authorization of the Director.