



**SINT EUSTATIUS
CARIBISCH NEDERLAND**

**Protocol for
Diving during a stay In Quarantine 28-11-2020**

General

- Upon arrival the group will be picked up at the airport and brought to the quarantine location
- Meetings with staff of the hotel and diving school will be done as much as possible in the open air and while maintaining social distance
- Facemask are mandatory when you are not located in your designated group area and/or if staff from the hotel / dive school staff is in close distance.
- Appropriate distance between all guests and staff applies.
- Visitors should regularly sanitize your hands.
- Walking outside the designated area is not permitted unless authorized by the dive school staff.
- You are not allowed to leave your hotelroom if you are sick or are not feeling well and should contact a doctor.
- Organised hiking trips in the national parks can be organized, but only with transport provided by the diving schools direct to the hiking routes, and not during weekends.

Diving procedures

- Dive briefings will be conducted in open air on an assigned location
 - To adhere to social distancing groups will be a maximum of 10 persons
- The group size during transport between dive school and harbour will be limited and persons need to wear facemask
- With Group travel booked as one group it is allowed diving from one boat, combining of groups with different arrival dates (>3 days) is not allowed)
- Staff will wear gloves when handling gear.
- Boats will be cleaned before, in between and after dives.
- Guests will have assigned seating, dive equipment will be located there in a personal box.
- Divers should handle and set up their own dive gear.
- Masks will be rinsed while in the water.
Spitting in masks is discouraged, anti-fog will be available.
- Waterbottles should be personal waterbottles (no communal use is allowed)
- Keep distance while in the water (at surface) especially with the instructors
 - To avoid queuing at the surface we advise divers to descend (halfway) down the mooring line with a buddy.
 - After surfacing please keep your distance.
- Diver has to wear dive mask and regulator until they are seated back in the boat and can swap to facemask.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly in and
- around the dive center and on the boats



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- Cleaning dive equipment
 - After the last dive the dive equipment will be put in the personal box rinsed in this box with running water and the dive school will disinfect your mask, snorkel and regulator.
 - Wetsuit will be hanged on personal hangers and rinse with running water by dive school staff, normal rinse basins are not allowed to be used
 - Please do not touch or move other gear but your own.
 - Tank valves will be disinfected before and after filling by dive school staff

Emergency protocol

- The public health will be informed on the emergency with a person of the diving group
- the public health will liaise with the harbour office, the hospital and the police to assure a safe and effective handling of the emergency
- preferably the dive school vessel brings the person ashore.
- All people not involved in the direct treatment keep distance.
- Everybody wears a facemask.
- If medical treatment is needed the hospital will be called and informed that it is a patient which is not from the Island.
- The person will be treated as 'COVID-suspect' and will be treated in the hospitainer;
- The dive school staff involved in the treatment are treated as a possible direct contact will be screened by the public health. A decision will be taken if quarantine is needed.