

HEALTH DECLARATION FORM / COVID-19

Read this statement prior to signing it. You must complete this additional medical questionnaire to enrol in a diver training program or to participate in any diving activity. If you are a minor, you must have this statement signed by your parent or guardian.

DIVER MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this medical questionnaire is to ensure that you are medically fit to dive. Please answer the following questions with a YES or NO. If you are not sure, answer YES. A positive response means that there may be a preexisting condition that could affect your safety while diving. If any of these items apply to you, we may request that you consult with a physician, preferably a specialist in diving medicine, prior to participating in diving activities.

Within the 40 days immediately preceding the date of this Health Declaration Form, have you:

1.	TESTED POSITIVE OR PRESUMPTIVELY POSITIVE WITH COVID-19 (THE NEW CORONAVIRUS OR- SARS-COV2) OR BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A POTENTIAL CARRIER OF THE CORONAVIRUS?		
	☐ YES ☐ NO		
2.	EXPERIENCED ANY SYMPTOMS COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 (FEVER; COUGH; FATIGUE OR MUSCLE PAIN;		
	DIFFICULTY BREATHING; SORE THROAT; LUNG INFECTIONS; HEADACHE; LOSS OF TASTE; OR DIARRHEA)?		
	☐ YES ☐ NO		
3.	BEEN IN ANY LOCATION/SITE DECLARED AS HAZARDOUS WITH AND/OR POTENTIALLY INFECTIVE WITH THE NEW		
	CORONAVIRUS BY A RECOGNISED HEALTH OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY?		
	☐ YES ☐ NO		
4.	BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH OR IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF ANY PERSON WHO TESTED POSITIVE WITH THE NEW		
	CORONAVIRUS OR WHO WAS DIAGNOSED AS POSSIBLY BEING INFECTED BY THE NEW CORONAVIRUS?		
	☐ YES ☐ NO		
5.	HAVE YOU BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 VIRUS? (IF YES, WHICH VACCINE AND DATE)		
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	ssions in disclosing my existing or past health co		
		about any symptom that may arrive after	having filled in this
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	Diving World	at all times while participating in the diving training / activ	
	Diving World	, and will take all reasonable preventive steps that may be	recommended by
		, or any relevant public authority.	
	I WILL accept and observe all instructions by	intended to a	abide by all existing
	regulations, required to help prevent the risk of tran	nsmission, including having my temperature taken prior to participating in	any diving activities.
	I ACKNOWLEDGE and ACCEPT that this declara	ation will be considered as my consent to	
ш	Diving World o retain this declaration a	and disclose it to any relevant authority or service provider for the pu	rposes of ensuring
	the safety of any third parties that may come in	n contact with me prior to, during, and after any diving activity.	
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COVID-19 shares many of the same symptoms as other serious viral pneumonias that require a period of convalence before returning to full activities – a process that can take weeks or months depending on symptom severity (1).

MEDICAL RECOMMENDATIONS (2):

- Divers who have had symptomatic COVID-19, should wait a minimum of TWO months, preferable THREE, before resuming their diving activities.
- Divers who have tested positive with COVID-19 but have remained completely asymptomatic, should wait ONE month before resuming diving.
- Divers who have been hospitalised with pulmonary symptoms related to COVID-19, should, after a three-month waiting period, undergo complete pulmonary function testing as well as a cardiac evaluation with echocardiography and exercise test (exercise electrocardiography) to ascertain normal cardiac function prior to their return to diving.
- Divers who have received the vaccine for COVID-19 should wait for 15days after receiving their vaccines prior to diving

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

Divers and dive centers should observe strictly the guidelines for disinfection of diving gear (as issued by the diving federations and DAN Europe / Divers Alert Network).

REFERENCES

(2) <u>Diving after COVID-19 pulmonary infection</u>. A position statement of the Belgian Society for Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine (SBMHS-BVOOG),

The present is a sample of a Health Declaration Form that a dive centre or dive professional may want to adopt and submit to customers and students, before taking up any diving activity with them.