

## **CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 POLICIES**

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Per instructions from MIT leadership and state recommendations, MIT Haystack Observatory has enacted the following policies in response to the current COVID-19 situation, effective until further notice:

- Only essential operational staff members may work onsite during this emergency, and all others should remain at home. Employees who are able to work remotely are doing so.
- The Haystack offices are closed to all visitors and the general public.

Haystack science and technology research continues, as does essential maintenance to our radio facilities and physical plant. We will remain focused on our mission during this challenging time.

These strong measures are necessary, and contribute to the safety and well-being of not only our staff, but that of the general public. It is important during this period of rapid COVID-19 spread that everyone from Haystack and elsewhere follows isolation practices and stays home as much as possible. We urge our colleagues and neighbors to do the same in the interest of public health.

These policies will be reviewed and updated as necessary. We wish everyone the best and look forward to lifting these measures when it is safe to do so.

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