

# THE SITUATION IN ITALY

Dear partner,

We hope you are well and safe! As many of us find ourselves anticipating a loosening of living and travel restrictions, we thought this might be a good time to resume our weekly updates on the situation in Italy. We understand that it will likely be several months before guests are ready to travel but we thought you would appreciate insights to help you proactively communicate with your guests. Italians have been living under a national stay-at-home order since 9 March, with everyone required to remain within a few streets of their home. On Sunday April 26, as the country recorded its lowest daily death toll in several weeks, Prime Minister Conte provided details about the upcoming "phase 2" that Italy will soon be implementing and these are the main points that we bring to your attention. All the indicated actions must adhere to specific anti-covid19 measures such as wearing masks or keeping a 3-feet social distancing:

◆ **Starting from May 4:**

the industries, construction sites, parks and offices will be allowed to open people will be allowed to move around their own regions-but not between different regions

Bars and restaurants will reopen for takeaway service only-not just delivery as of up to now

Individual sports will be allowed with a social distance of 6-feet minimum

◆ **Starting from May 18:**

museums and exhibitions can open most of the shops will be allowed to open sport teams will also be able to hold group training

◆ **Starting from June 1:**

Hairdressers, beauty salons, bars and restaurants are expected to reopen for dine-in service

We also wanted to mention that it has been reported that our Minister of Tourism, Dario Franceschini, has declared that the Italian borders will be closed until the end of the year. This statement does not correspond with what the Minister has stated and it has caused confusion. Indeed, it is not yet possible to predict when the borders will be open again as this will depend on several different factors.

We promise to accurately as possible report on the actions and decisions of the Italian government in our regular posts. Of course, feel free to request more details or let us know if you do not wish to receive the updates.

Many thanks for your continued support and all the very warmest regards.

*All Italyscape team*