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## What to Know About the Ocean & COVID-19



The global response to COVID-19 has allowed a significant pause in global economic activity, resulting in much lower carbon emissions. We know this dramatically improved air quality, but what does it mean for the ocean? These past few months, and the weeks and months ahead, offer a learning opportunity to chart a path that is proactive rather than reactive.

During these unprecedented times, we have uncovered a lot about ourselves and our environment. To learn more about the ocean and how we can respond to the pandemic for the betterment of our planet, read the new blog from Mark J. Spalding, President.

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-Mark J. Spalding, President of The Ocean Foundation

[Read "The Ocean and COVID-19" Now](#)



## Key Takeaways from "The Ocean and COVID-19"

This is not an opportunity to point fingers and suggest a pause like this is uniformly good for the environment. In fact, let us all use the lessons we are learning together as an opportunity for us to put the power of a healthy and abundant ocean at the core of making a collective rebound.



### **We Can Restore Ocean Abundance**

A [new study in Nature](#) says we can achieve full ocean health restoration in 50 years. A healthy and abundant ocean is critical to everyone's survival, and there are robust economic opportunities in the necessity of restoring ocean abundance and addressing climate change.



### **We Can Transition to Resiliency**

COVID-19 is also showing us how to (and how not to) make a transition to resiliency just and equitable, and some governments have shown they can take bold decisions with speed and resolve to support quick behavior change and ensure resilience.



### **We Can Help the Economy**

A major survey of more than 200 of the world's top economists revealed widespread confidence that environmentally-focused stimulus packages would prove better for both the environment and the economy. Governments' economic recovery plans can prioritize support for Blue Economy sectors that have high job creation potential.



### **This Community Is Made of Leaders**

We are already seeing that sustainability has leaped to the front of corporate priorities for many companies. Much of these corporate changes are in response to consumer demands. They see this as a decade of action to move toward zero emissions, a circular economy, protecting biodiversity, and a reduction of packaging and plastic pollution.

## **Our Warmest Regards**

It has been painful to watch the devastating global spread of COVID-19. During this difficult time, we hope that you and yours are healthy and taking care of yourselves and each other. Here at The Ocean Foundation, we are doing everything we can to support the community we have all built together.

Thank you for being a crucial member of The Ocean Foundation and please know we are thinking of you.

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