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Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation globally, announced activities might be cut short, postponed, cancelled or even extended at any time and without notice.

- 5H - Charles, 5H3DX (NK80) expected to leave the country on 21 March [425DXN 1502], but he has changed his plans due to the COVID-19 situation. Although "we have not had a large outbreak", he says, "I believe there is more good to be done by remaining in Tanzania, especially since our usual caretakers are prevented from traveling at this time. I also think I am safer in the long run". QSL direct to home call.
- G - Peter, G4XEX will be active as GB4SAH (Stay At Home) on 8-30 April to help amateurs "pass the time during the lockdown".
- GM - Euan, MM0VIK is active as GB1COR from his home QTH on Mainland, Shetland Islands (EU-012) for the month of April in recognition and support for "the health professionals and essential key workers" during the coronavirus emergency. Apparently QSL cards will not be available for this special callsign.
- OH - "Pysy kotona" means "stay at home" in Finnish. Ten OH#PYSYKOTONA special callsigns with OH0 to OH9 prefixes are active from 4 April until 3 July to raise awareness for social distancing and remaining at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The activity is coordinated by the Lahti Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.oh3ac.fi/>). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via OH3AC.
- OH - The Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL) is responsible for another series of ten special callsigns, from OH0STAYHOME to OH9STAYHOME. SRAL encourages to use a temporary Q-code (QSH, for Stay Happy & Healthy) during contacts made during this "Stay Home Project", to be run from 8 April through 8 July. QSL via OH2BAD. A number of awards will be available. Information on the project can be found on <https://www.sral.fi/2020/04/07/finland-stay-home/>. Other current "stayhome" special callsigns (QSL via operators' instructions) are
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| 5B4STAYHOME | Cyprus |
| 8A1HOME | Indonesia |
| 9K9STAYHOME | Kuwait |
| A60SH/# | United Arab Emirates |
| CR2STAYHOME | Azores |
| CT1STAYHOME | Portugal |
| DX0STAYHOME | Philippines |
| E7STAYHOME | Bosnia & Hercegovina |
| HZ1STAYHOME | Saudi Arabia |
| OR2STAYHOME | Belgium |
| OT20STAYHOME | Belgium |

OT2STAYHOME	Belgium
R3STAYHOME	Russia
TC1STAYHOME	Turkey
VC2STAYHOM	Canada
VC3STAYHOM	Canada
VE9HOME	Canada
VI2020STAYHOME	Australia
Z30STAYHOME	North Macedonia
Z39STAYHOME	North Macedonia

- ON - The Belgian regulator is issuing special callsigns to convey the message "stay home, stay safe" until 19 April at least. Issued so far are OR2STAYHOME (QSL via eQSL), OT20STAYHOME (QSL via eQSL), OT2STAYHOME (QSL via ON7LU) and OT6STAYS SAFE (QSL via ON5YL).
- OZ - Special callsigns 5P0WARD and 5P0WHD will be active on 18 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on this day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris. A special award will be available for contacts made with 5P0WARD/xx and 5P0WHD/xx stations with different suffix extensions; further information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward>. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. Other World Amateur Radio Day 2020 stations include 3Z0WARD (Poland), AU20ARD (India), HZ1WARD (Saudi Arabia), LX5WARD (Luxembourg) and TF3WARD (Iceland). QSL via operators' instructions.
- VE - Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC, Canada's IARU member society) will hold a special on-air event to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April, from 12.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. The event is to encourage as many amateurs as possible to get on the air and contact as many RAC stations as possible. The RAC official stations that will operate across Canada are VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC and VY2RAC. A special commemorative certificate will be available. See <https://www.rac.ca/operating/world-amateur-radio-day-april-18/> for more information.

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425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The March 2020 issue is now available for download at <http://www.425dxn.org/index.php>. [TNX IZ3EBA]

COVID-19 AND QSL CARDS ---> The COVID-19 situation is affecting postal systems worldwide. International mail from several countries is not operational right now, as airlines have suspended their postal deliveries. Think twice before mailing direct QSL card requests, and be patient if your coveted cards do not show up - the QSL managers are most likely waiting for the service to resume.

Also, several IARU member-societies have announced that they are unable to receive shipments of QSL cards for their bureaux during the current emergency. Before sending shipments of cards to a national QSL bureau, the IARU strongly recommends an inquiry to the member-society to confirm that the package can be accepted.

PA5X/MM ---> On 6 April Johannes, PA5X (5T5PA) left Mauritania becausee of the COVID-19 pandemic. While sailing back to the Netherlands on the vessel "Dutch Power", he is QRV as PA5X/mm until around 18 April. He operates SSB and FT8 on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via PA5X. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/pa5x/mm> for more information. Johannes will return to Mauritania as soon as the global situation improves and flights resume. "In the meantime I will try to operate 5T5PA remote", he says.

TQSL: NEW VERSION ---> A new version (v2.5.2) of LoTW's Trusted QSL (TQSL) has been released: <http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download>. This version has new features as well as corrections for defects found since TQSL 2.5.1 was released. This release also includes an update to the most recent TQSL configuration file. TQSL 2.5.2 can be installed to upgrade any older version of TQSL. On all three supported platforms (Windows, MacOS and Linux), installing TQSL 2.5.2 will replace older versions of Trusted QSL while preserving your Callsign Certificates, Station Locations, and preferences.

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3E3E          AC2OV        EI20C         EI3KD         OG73X         OH8L
3W3B          E21EIC        EM0I          UT2IZ         OH#PYSYKOTONA OH3AC
3Z0WARD      SP6IEQ        EM2G          UR7GO         OH#STAYHOME   OH2BAD
3Z0X         SP5MXZ        EM65LR        UR2LM         OH70BH        OH2BH
3Z1K         SP1KRF        EN90LUR       UR6LF         OM0R          OM3GI
4E1A         9V1KG        ES7A          ES7GM         OT2STAYHOME   ON7LU
4H1T         DU1IVT       FK8GX        W3HNC         OZ2SPACE      OZ1ACB
4L2M         EA7FTR       FM1HM        ON6DP         P3X           UT5UDX
4M8E         YV8ER        FM1HN        W3HNC         PA40WM        PA4WM
4X0A         4X1VF        FM1II        KU9C          PA75ASN       PA0VCC
4X2M         4X4DZ        FR4PV        F1UIJ         PA75HGV       PA3JD
4X6FR        4X6OM        FR5FC        EA7FTR        PA75OV        PA3ETC
4Z0GAON      LY2QT        GM5X         N3SL          PD75HOLTEN    PD0RM
7X5NZ        EA7FTR       HB2K         HB9OCR        PE00T         PA2TMS
8A1HOME      YB1LZ        HB2U         HB9OCR        PJ2MAN        EC5AHA
9A0BR        9A9RR        HF10ZPM      SP2ZCI        PV2M          PT2ADM
9A0FF        9A2MF        HF6FIRAC     SP6IEQ        PZ5JW         EA5GL
9A5Y         9A7W         HG0R         HA0NAR        R125RM        R1AU
9K9STAYHOME 9K2OW        HG5A         HA5KDQ        R1994YU       RQ7L

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9V1YC	W5UE	HG8R	HA8JV	R1996VK	RQ7L
A41KJ	N4GNR	HI3CC	W2CCW	R2014NC	RQ7L
A41NN	A61BK	HK1T	EA5KB	R207RRC	UA3AKO
A60SH/1	A61BK	HS0ZED	G4SQA	R3STAYHOME	R3KEE
A60SH/10	A61BK	HZ1STAYHOME	HZ1SAR	R50VAZ	R4IT
A60SH/2	EA7FTR	IB2A	I2PJA	RU20DS	RQ7L
A60SH/3	A61NN	IB4X	IZ4ORO	SE0X	SM0MDG
A60SH/4	A61BK	II4FTX	IQ4FE	SN100KW	SP3PGS
A60SH/5	A92AA	II5MPI	9A8MDC	SN8K	SQ8ERS
A60SH/6	A61BK	II8K	IZ8EPX	TC19MED	TA2BZ
A60SH/7	LZ1YE	II9L	IT9BUN	TC1STAYHOME	YM1KE
A60SH/8	A61BK	IO4C	IZ4DPV	TC3A	YM3KC
A61EK	IZ8CLM	IO6A	IZ6BRJ	TG9ANF	VE7BV
A61FK	A61BK	IO7T	IZ7ECL	TM22P	F4EUG
A61QQ	A61BK	IO8V	IK8ETM	TM3CN	F4HIK
A65BP	UA6MF	IQ2XZ	9A8MDC	TM3Z	F4DSK
A65DR	N4GNR	IQ9SY	IT9NVA	TM8A	F8DVD
A71AM	M0OXO	IR4E	IK4ZHH	UE20DS	RQ7L
A71EM	M0OXO	IR8W	IK8YFU	UN9L	LZ1YE
A73A	M0OXO	IR9Z	IT9VCE	UP4L	UN7LZ
BG4OP	BI4IIZ	J41J	SV1PMQ	V51DM	DK3ZL
BV0WPX	BV2KI	JY5MM	IK2DUW	V73NS	W3HNK
CP5HK	EC6DX	LC6C	LA6VQ	VC2STAYHOM	VE2MXU
CQ7F	CT1FOQ	LS2D	EC6DX	VE2CSI	M0URX
CS5SS	CT1REP	LU3DX	EA5FL	VR2CC	VR2XRW
CS8ABG	EA5GL	LU7YS	EA7HBC	VY2ZM	EA7HBC
CX2CC	EA5KB	LX5WARD	LX1JH	XM3T	VE3DZ
CX2TQ	IK2DUW	LY300GAON	LY2QT	XU7AKP	IW3SNW
CX9AU	EA5GL	LZ1958GU	LZ1GU	YL44WFF	YL2SW
D41CV	IK2NCJ	LZ5R	LZ1YQ	YO70IPA	YO3AS
E7STAYHOME	E73Y	LZ603IL	LZ1KCP	YP0C	YO3CZW
EC6FK	RW6HS	LZ75ZZ	LZ1ZF	YS1RS	EB7DX
ED5R	EA5SR	M2L	M0OXO	YT50SCWC	YU1MM
ED7N	EA7KHB	OA4/EA7TN	EA5GL	ZP5DNB	IK2DUW
ED8M	EA8DIG	OA4SS	KB6J	ZP6ARO	IK2DUW
ED9Z	EA5KB	OE0WWL	OE1WWL	ZP9MCE	EA5ZD
EE1MGY	EB1LO	OE25HTL	OE5HTL	ZS0RR	PA2PGU
EF2A	EA2W	OE25LKG	OE6LKG	ZS6J	N4GNR
EF8I	EA8TK	OE25XFG	OE6WIG	ZS9Z	ZS10IN
EF8K	EA8DET	OE3K	OE1DIA	ZV2K	PY2SHF
EG1SSV	EA1URV	OE60IPA	OE3DMA	ZW60DF	PT2GTI
EG7ONU	EB7R	OE6Z	OE6CLD	ZW75FEB	PT2ADM

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