

Overview of the Prevention Plan for COVID-19 for students at the School of Communications and International Relations Blanquerna

DO NOT COME TO THE CAMPUS:

- If you have symptoms which are consistent with those of COVID-19 (dry cough, fever, respiratory difficulties, loss of the senses of smell or taste...).
- If you have been diagnosed with the illness and have not completed the required period of isolation.
- If you find yourself within the period of in-house quarantine for having **been in close contact** (anyone who has been within a distance of less than 2 meters from a confirmed case without adequate protection and for more than 15 minutes) with someone exhibiting symptoms or who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Follow the recommendations issued by the Public Health Service and notify the office of the Dean about your condition via email to the following address: COVIDFCRI@blanquerna.edu

IF YOU ARE ON CAMPUS AND DO NOT FEEL WELL:

- **Go to reception in the main building of the School.** From there you will be accompanied to a reserved safe-space from where you will call 061.

Professors of each course will make content of the classes (face-to-face) available for any student who cannot attend as per indications by health care authorities.

In the event any cases arise of a positive diagnosis for COVID-19 among members of the university community, the office of the Dean will determine the possibility of taking preventive measures by continuing the academic activity of the effected group via a virtual classroom (Google Meet), adhering at all times to instructions provided by the Public Health Service.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL MEASURES:

- **Proper use of facemasks is mandatory everywhere upon the university grounds.** Reusable personal facemasks will be distributed to all students. Upon authorization by the office of the Dean, exceptions will be made for those people who are exempt from their use for health reasons which are duly justified.

COVID-19 | GUIDELINES TO GUARANTEE SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL

- **Maintain an interpersonal distance of 1.5 meters between members of the university community.** This distance may be reduced to 1 meter (while maintaining proper preventive measures) depending on the space available for each academic activity.
- **Hand washing is one of the most effective preventive measures** (for at least 40 seconds with soap and water, or in the event that soap and water are not at hand, with hand sanitizer). It is recommended that this be done frequently upon arrival to and exit from the premises, before entering the classroom, before and after meals, and especially after coughing, sneezing, or after touching potentially contaminated surfaces.
- **Students may only access and remain on campus on the days and during the hours which have been designated for their group.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.**
- **If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and dispose of it in a covered waste bin.** If you do not have a tissue, cover your mouth and nose with the inside part of your elbow in order to avoid contaminating your hands.
- **Before and after using shared material** (photocopiers, computers, etc.) **each person must clean their hands.** You will find hand sanitizer dispensers available everywhere on campus.
- **Avoid sharing material** (paper, pens, etc.) **as well as physical interpersonal contact.**
- **Rules governing the proper use of the installations as indicated by the signs must be respected.** Emphasis must be placed on the need to respect the direction of the flow of movement in the halls and staircases, as well as the prohibition within common areas to sit on the ground and/or to congregate.
- **Avoid the concentration of large groups of people in the hallways and common areas** as these are spaces reserved for circulation.
- **Access to the building will be through Plaça Joan Coromines.** At those times during which the flow of persons tends to be greater, other doors will be opened in order to ease the flow of those leaving the premises.
- **It is requested that everyone enters and leaves the classrooms in an orderly and stepwise manner** maintaining proper interpersonal distance at all times.
- **Keep face-to-face social interaction to a minimum** while opting for interaction via digital/virtual contexts (Google Meet) to carry out group work.
- **Food may only be consumed in the designated areas of the cafeteria** and rules must be followed as indicated.

COVID-19 | GUIDELINES TO GUARANTEE SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL

- **Students may continue using all usual services and resources** at the university following the specific preventative rules which regulate their operation.
- **On-line and telephone assistance for the different departments and services at the university will now be prioritized.**
- **Students and teachers will ensure that classroom seating arrangements are left as indicated** by the markings on the floor at the end of each class.
- **All lavatories are provided with soap, covered waste bins, and disposable paper towels.** Hand dryers will remain out of operation until further notice
- **Use of elevators is restricted to one person at a time.** It is recommended to use the stairs.

Students agree to comply with all measures defined by the prevention plan for COVID-19 at Blanquerna FCRI and to follow the preventive guidelines provided by members of the teaching, and/or administrative and service staff at Blanquerna.

Non-compliance with any of the measures indicated within this document may imply an act of serious misconduct and will entail consequences which may include the student's expulsion for a period of time determined pertinent.

Updated: 7 September 2020