

Dear partner,

Given that the WHO has declared the COVID-19 as a pandemic and the activation of the State of National Sanitary Alert by our Government, we have adopted different actions and measures within our university that we would like to share with you.

Following the guidelines established by the Ministry of Health of the Government of Spain as well as the Ministry of Health of the Junta de Castilla y León (Local Government), our University has cancelled on-site teaching, practices, cultural activities, sports, all scientific events, lifelong learning programs and academic events as of March 16th. In this regard, an initial quarantine period of 15 days has been decreed in which all of us must remain in our homes to reduce the risk of infection. Obviously, we are allowed to leave the house to go shopping for food and medicines, work and other essential matters.

As long as the current situation is maintained, a series of essential services have been established to ensure the proper running of our University as well as the development of online or distance teaching.

These extraordinary measures will continue until the health situation related to the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) infection allows for reconsideration or modification. All members of the university community, including staff, exchange students, visitors, etc. have been made aware of such measures.

You will find documentation on general actions, as well as links to websites of the national and local health authorities on the following link (in Spanish) http://servicios.unileon.es/unidad-prevencion-riesgos-laborales/

Likewise, via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation website you will find updated information with advice on travel and other aspects of interest:



http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/SalaDePrensa/ElMinisterioInforma/Paginas/N oticias/20200311_MINISTERIO6.aspx

In addition, a few weeks ago we enabled a communication channel on Telegram: <u>https://t.me/IncomingULeCOVID19</u> to offer our incoming mobility students a quick and efficient way to communicate with us. We ask that if you contact your students currently at our university, you indicate the relevance of joining this channel, if they have not already done so.

Telephone and email service continue to be provided to students and staff of partner institutions from our International Relations Office.

Health is a priority for our institution and we understand the concern that this situation may generate, which is why we are at your disposal to try and solve any questions you might have. Our main objective is to minimize the risk of infection for people whilst trying to impact university activity as little as possible.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding and solidarity.



Yours sincerely,

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