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Dealing with people suffering from Covid-19 at the UAS Grisons

Dear students, dear colleagues

In the past 48 hours, two cases of Covid-19 have been reported within our university community. First and foremost, we are concerned about the health of the members of the UAS Grisons, and we wish a speedy recovery to our student and member of staff.

The Crisis Management of the UAS Grisons is in close contact with the Contact Tracing Team of the Canton of Grisons as well as the Cantonal Management Staff. The required lists with information on attendance in class and use of the refectories and libraries was made available to the cantonal team with all necessary details. Possibly you will be contacted by the COVID Care Team Graubünden via e-mail in the coming days. Please follow the corresponding instructions. For any questions the crisis management (notfall@fhgr.ch) is at your disposal.

The cooperation with the cantonal authorities worked smoothly, especially since we have well-managed lists. It has shown that the more details about the presence or absence of students and staff can be made available to the Contact Tracing Team, the more people can be excluded from possible measures. So please make sure that you register correctly in the Moodle lists of the respective classes and that you consistently badge in when visiting the library or the dining hall.

These cases in the first week of the semester show us that it is absolutely essential that we adhere to the distance and hygiene measures - in addition to contact tracing. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our AHA! formula:

- Distance: Keep your distance to other people (1.5 meters). This also applies outside the buildings of the UAS Grisons.
- Hygiene: Wash your hands thoroughly.
- Masks: Wear a mask outside the classrooms and offices. We only take it off when we sit down and put it on again before getting up.

If you experience symptoms (fever/feverish feeling, sore throat, cough (usually dry), shortness of breath, muscle ache, sudden loss of sense of smell and/or taste; less frequent symptoms: conjunctivitis, headache, gastrointestinal symptoms, rhinitis), then please put yourself in quarantine and contact your doctor and notfall@fhgr.ch.
We are doing everything we can to ensure that the autumn semester 2020 at the UAS Grisons can be conducted in hybrid mode with attendance classes. However, this is only possible as long as we can keep the number of cases very low. Accordingly, it is important that all students, staff and lecturers act responsibly, also outside of the UAS Grisons. With AHA! we protect not only ourselves, but also our fellow students, employees, relatives and friends.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards and stay healthy!

Yours, Jürg Kessler
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