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Return to a new normal

Dear students
Dear colleagues

For two years we have been talking and waiting to return to some kind of post-pandemic normality. Recently, we have been cautiously moving along this path. Like the Federal Council, we are lifting all measures as of 1 April 2022. All information on this is updated on our [website](#). The rooms at the UAS Grisons are now filling up again, the momentum is returning. Even though the Corona case numbers are still high and a new global crisis is keeping us occupied, we are fortunate to be able to meet again at our university, to let a new normality take hold. I am very happy about that - and grateful for it.

Together we have tackled and mastered the challenges of the past two years. We have remained agile and always focused on the opportunities. We have all made great achievements along the way. Students and lecturers have embraced new forms of teaching, learning and instruction, the work processes of all staff have had to be rethought and adapted, and in research we were suddenly confronted with concerns about whether projects could be successfully completed at all and whether collaboration with project partners could continue. Together, as a university community, we ensured that our operations could be maintained throughout the pandemic. Special thanks go to all those staff members who continued to do so on site during the lockdown and home office phase.

Now we are returning with a rucksack full of valuable experiences. Finally, we can meet again in person, we can enter into a more intensive exchange with each other. The students can get to know each other and the classes can grow together. Informal exchange is also so important among us staff: it promotes the generation of new ideas, stimulates reflection and helps to improve mutual understanding. In research, interdisciplinary cooperation is possible again and the path is clear for innovation. We can live the spirit of our university again, support each other. Together we will continue to develop the UAS Grisons and shape our future in a sustainable way.

You all deserve a big thank you - for your perseverance, your commitment, your respect and your sense of responsibility. I am proud to be the president of such a university community. I wish you all a good return to the new normal and, above all, good health.

Best wishes
Yours, Jürg Kessler
President and Head of Crisis Management