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Away from the lockdown – consequences for the FH Graubünden

Dear employees,
Dear lecturers
Dear Students

On Thursday, 16 April 2020, the Federal Council announced the first easing of restrictions after almost four weeks of "extraordinary circumstances" in connection with the corona crisis. The way out of the lockdown will be taken in several steps. From **27 April 2020**, hospitals will be able to perform all procedures again, and doctors' surgeries, DIY stores, flower shops, hairdressers, massage and cosmetic studios will be allowed to reopen. From **11 May 2020**, compulsory schools and shops will be reopened – if the development of the situation allows it. From **8 June 2020**, secondary schools, vocational schools and universities as well as museums, zoos and libraries are to reopen. **However, the Federal Council will not decide on the details of this last stage until the end of May.**

The ban on meetings and events as well as gatherings of more than five people will remain in place. The Federal Council recommends that people stay at home in the near future and that social distancing and the protection of vulnerable persons is to be maintained. The extraordinary situation remains in place (rules of conduct of the FOPH).

Decisions of the UAS Grisons remain valid

The health and protection of our members is top priority for the UAS Grisons. A possible opening of the universities on 8 June 2020 is planned, but remains uncertain. At the UAS Grisons the decisions already made remain valid. The virtual operations of all are services, which have been running since 16 March 2020, will be continued. The projects and the acquisition in research and services will be further processed. The UAS Grisons continues to strive to enable students to complete the spring semester 2020 with as little delay as possible.

In concrete terms this means:

The decisions (students, staff and lecturers) taken by the university management on 9 April 2020 with regard to planning security and communicated on 14 April 2020 (students) remain valid.

- For Bachelor and Master students the spring semester 2020 will be completed in Distance Learning.
- Examinations will be held, whenever possible, in online-capable formats without presence in the buildings of the UAS Grisons.
- In research, meetings with project partners can be held in compliance with the hygiene regulations – but we recommend that these also take place virtually.

However, the decisions communicated by the Federal Council mean that certain elements to the decisions communicated by us have changed:

- The opening of the buildings of the UAS Grisons for employees, students and lecturers is possible on 8 June 2020 at the earliest. The exceptions communicated earlier continue to apply here.
- Working in the home office will be extended until at least 7 June 2020.
- Internal and external events, as well as excursions, are not possible until this date. Crisis management is working on finding solutions together with the study directors concerned.

The UAS Grisons will keep you informed on our specific website about any further changes in university operations. It is also in contact with other tertiary educational institutions in the canton and the Office for Higher Education in order to coordinate the measures jointly.

I would like to thank everyone for your commitment and the success of the virtual UAS Grisons.

Best regards
Jürg Kessler
Head of Crisis Management