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## COVID-19 - Important information UAS Grisons

Dear partners

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, I am writing to inform you about the situation in Switzerland and the impact on the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons' operations.

Following the Swiss Federal governments' decision last Friday to close all educational institutions, our university has suspended all face-to-face teaching until at least 30 April 2020 and is converting to distance learning as of today, Monday 16th March 2020. As there is a possibility that the government might extend the closure beyond this date, our university is well prepared for this scenario and would continue offering distance learning until the end of the Spring Semester 2020.

Our dedicated crisis team has been monitoring the situation closely since the start of the coronavirus outbreak and closely cooperates with the relevant authorities at a regional and national level. Since February, we have regularly been communicating with our students and staff via the website:  
<https://www.fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus/>.

### **Situation Switzerland**

- 2200 people have been tested positive for the coronavirus (15.03.2020)
- The main source of information is the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health's (FOPH) website:  
<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>
- The Swiss Federal government has closed schools and unis, banned events with more than 100 people, closed leisure and entertainment establishments, and has implemented border controls:  
<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/massnahmen-des-bundes.html>
- The general public is required to strictly adhere to FOPH's guidelines regarding hygiene and «social distancing»

### **Additional measures in the Canton of the Grisons**

- All shops are closed as of 16.03.2020, with the exception of supermarkets, pharmacies, banks and post offices and other essential services.

### **Studies at UAS Grisons**

- Incoming students have been informed about the situation and are being closely supported by the international office.
- One of our international office will be open from 09:30-12:30 and can be contacted via e-mail [international@fhgr.ch](mailto:international@fhgr.ch) or telephone +41 81 286 24 29.
- The student residence «Scalära» will remain open and catering will continue to be offered.

Our university will review the situation and decide at the beginning of April whether to offer incoming/outgoing exchanges in the Fall Semester 2020. We shall communicate this decision to partner universities accordingly.

Please don't hesitate to contact our international office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

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