Resolution from the President of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid establishing measures for the progressive reopening of activity on the University Campuses

Through the resolutions of March 11 and March 14, 2020, from the Office of the President, measures were established in relation to the health emergency brought about by COVID-19. Specifically, all University face-to-face activity was suspended, including research, teaching, and administrative activity, thereby affecting the entire University Community: faculty and research staff, students, and administrative and services staff.

Said resolution of March 14 transferred execution of this suspension to the Offices of the Vice-Presidents and to University Management, so as to adopt the necessary measures to enable continuity of on-line teaching and learning, regulation of any on-site activity deemed necessary in University laboratories and at the Science Park, as well as administrative activity and the corresponding services for the cleaning, maintenance and security of University facilities and grounds.

Accordingly, the Offices of the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, and University Management have duly adopted measures that have enabled University activity to continue, in compliance at all times with that established in Royal Decree 463/2020, March 14, which declared a state of alarm for management of the health crisis brought about by COVID-19, together with the health and safety measures they have issued.

The approval by the Government of the Plan para la transición hacia una nueva normalidad (Plan for transitioning towards a new normal) entails the progressive reopening of different activities throughout four phases. Phase one includes the possibility of opening university facilities and grounds for their disinfection and conditioning, and for carrying out administrative functions, while guaranteeing a physical distance of security of two meters as well as opening university laboratories and entities of a public and private nature that carry out or support scientific and technical research, development, and innovation activities in all areas of the economy and society.
Pursuant to the progression of the Regional Community of Madrid toward Phase 1, in compliance with the provisions of article 47.1a and/or the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid Statutes

I RESOLVE:

First. – To lift the temporary suspension of face-to-face activity in the University in accordance with the following instructions:

2. As a general rule, and whenever possible, remote work will continue as the standard mode in all areas: teaching, research, and administration. Specifically, teaching and learning activity will continue to be carried out in conformance with the instructions from the Office of Vice-President for Studies of March 16 and April 15, 2020 and any other subsequent instructions issued in this area.

Access in exceptional cases to University offices and facilities shall be undertaken in conformance with established health and safety requirements, restrictions and conditions. To gain access, interested parties must request authorization:

- Faculty. Authorization to gain access to an office in Getafe must be requested through the Dean or the Dean of the Faculty; in Leganes, through the Director of the Higher Polytechnic School; and through the Deputy Vice-President of the Colmenarejo Campus.
- Administrative and Services Staff. Authorization must be requested through University Management.

3. The following face-to-face activity will be allowed:

2.1. Professional training activity

University students will be able to carry out on-site professional curricular and extra-curricular internships in companies and other institutions, provided that they are in agreement with doing so, said activity is permitted at that moment, and compliance is guaranteed with the health and safety regulations at the workplace currently in force, namely the recommendations indicated in “Guía de
Buenas Prácticas en los Centros de Trabajo” (Guide to Good Practices at the Workplace) adopted by the Health Ministry.

3.2. Research Activity

On-site activity in the research laboratories and in the companies located in the University Science Park will be carried out in accordance with the instructions of the Vice-President for Science Policy on regulations of face-to-face services in these spaces.

2.3. Administrative and management activity

Face-to-face activity in University Services and/or Units will be undertaken in accordance with instructions from University Management, which include partial reopening of libraries for loans and returns, and other face-to-face activity that is strictly necessary for the proper development of academic and research activity.

These activities in all cases must be carried out in compliance with health and safety measures established in the above-cited Plan para la transición hacia una nueva normalidad as well as the Guía de buenas prácticas en los centros de trabajo, and in subsequent provisions in this area that may be issued by health officials.

Second. –To transfer to the Offices of the Vice-Presidents and to University Management, in their corresponding areas of competence, adoption of measures necessary to carry out these and other instructions deemed necessary for the reopening of University activities, according to the development of the phases included in the Plan para la transición hacia una nueva normalidad.

Third. –This resolution revokes that established in the Resolutions from the Rector of March 11 and 14, 2020, in so far as it is not inconsistent therewith.

Fourth. –This resolution shall be effective from the moment of its publication in the Boletín Electrónico Oficial de la Universidad.
In Getafe, on the date of the electronic signature

PRESIDENT

Signed: Juan Romo Urroz

This Resolution exhausts all administrative remedies, and appeal may be filed for Review of Administrative Decision before the Court for Contentious Administrative Proceedings within two months’ time from the date of its publication, in conformance with the provisions of article 46 of Law 29/98, July 13, from the Contentious Administrative Jurisdiction code.