

## Correo informativo a estudiantes internacionales de intercambio (11-03-20)

Yesterday evening, the national and regional authorities approved a series of reinforced contingency measures for the coronavirus (COVID-19), which will be applied throughout the region of Madrid from next Wednesday, March 11, and will have an initial duration of 15 days (until the 25th of March included).

According to the [Order of the Department of Health of the Community of Madrid](#), available in the UC3M webpage, the duration of the previously mentioned measures may eventually be updated on an individual basis, notwithstanding subsequent extensions agreed by motivated decision.

The measures include the suspension of the teaching activities at all educational levels, universities included. In light of these reinforced measures of contention, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid has decided upon the following measures:

- Will suspend all teaching activities that were not previously available on-line from 10 until 25 March.
- Will put forward all academic procedures to ensure minimum impact on the teaching and evaluation activities.
- Will remain open for the rest of non-strictly academic activities and will facilitate to UC3M personnel, when possible, remote working.
- The academic calendar and the exam dates have been accordingly adapted to the new scenario.

All faculty and teaching staff of the University have been informed of the different **academic extraordinary procedures enacted, affecting ALL UC3M students**, to mitigate the effects of suspended teaching activities over two weeks. You will receive or already have received more information about these measures directly from your teachers. You have also received an institutional communication from the Vice-Rector of Students and Equality describing the academic measures that have been adopted and the new academic calendar.

We want to send you a message of support and calm. The University is focused on the health and safety of its students and staff and monitors the evolution of the situation in close contact with international, national and regional health authorities. Furthermore, [basic protective measures](#) have been adopted and informed to all the University community.

We remind you that the assessment Level for COVID-19 in Spain continues to be "Limited Community Transmission" and that authorities have so far ruled out raising the alert level beyond the lowest of three. Moreover, no travel restrictions have been implemented, although a general **recommendation of limiting unnecessary travel** has been issued to avoid the spread of the coronavirus. Also note that despite these protective measures, no case has been reported yet in the university and that the total number of cases in the city and region of Madrid remains at 0.1% of the population.

Please note that we will continue to provide you with support and assessment through the International Relations and Cooperation emails, so you can contact us, preferably by email or by phone ((+34) 91 624 95 50 for Getafe; and (+34) 91 624 59 28 for Leganés) at:

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The Vicerectorate of Internationalisation and European University strongly advises you to remain in Madrid and follow subsequent academic and safety instructions. However, if due to force majeure a student would decide to return to their home country and does not resume his or her exchange period for a justified reason, we will facilitate the evaluation process, treating on an individual basis with the responsible faculty of the courses taken what other supporting measures can be made available, including the possibility of doing a remote final exam.

We will keep you promptly informed on any changes in the situation that may arise.

Kind regards,

The International Relations and Cooperation Team  
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