COVID-19 - Information point - April 24, 2020

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EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues, dear students,

The intervention of the French President on April 13, 2020 leads our institution to envisage a start of “deconfinement” as of May 11th.

The official announcements state that students will not return to campuses before September 2020, with distance working remaining the modality of choice for staff. Indeed, this announced date cannot be seen as the end of the COVID-19 epidemic. In fact, not all staff will return to work on site immediately.

May 11th will mark the start of a new period in the management of the COVID-19 crisis. We need to consider a step-by-step response, taking into account the evolution of the national and international health situation. The preparation of a “return-to-site strategy” is an essential phase, just as important as the implementation of the activity continuity plan.

Our first concern will be to safeguard the health of those who will be concerned by the return to the various premises of the university. This is why a very strict health prevention framework will be established in order to specify the instructions which everyone will have to respect, in particular the constraints of access to the premises in terms of protection. This is an unavoidable condition.

The research laboratories will be the first to be impacted by the return to the site and they will have to meet the challenge of the gradual relaunch of projects that have been abruptly interrupted, most often without being completed, particularly penalizing doctoral students. However, this resumption of scientific activity will also take place in stages in order to comply with health safety conditions. Laboratory directors will quickly be called upon to define their priorities.

According to the recommendations of the Minister of Higher Education and Research, teaching activity will continue by distance learning. We will also have to anticipate conditions for the start of the new academic year in September taking into account the evolution of the health situation, which will probably not correspond to the usual framework.

Finally, university life will have to fully play its role as a vector of solidarity in this difficult period for the most fragile among us. We will remain attentive to some of our staff who have to manage complex family situations that are a source of stress and anxiety.

In addition, we will have to follow the evolution of the national context and several exogenous factors could disrupt our on-site recovery. The revival of socio-economic activities will not have the same intensity depending on the areas and territories, and government choices are not known at this stage. That is why we will have to be ready to integrate these parameters.

I have decided to involve staff representative organizations in the preparation of this new phase and the CHSCT will meet very quickly to lay the foundations for a shared reflection.

The UJM’s “return-to-site” plan will describe the conditions for implementing a gradual, supervised and differentiated resumption depending on activities and campuses. Telework will remain the reference principle in the organization of work until the summer in order to limit social interactions to the strict minimum.

In the coming weeks I will provide you with additional information on the conditions for this resumption.

Please believe in the assurance of my total dedication.

Michèle Cottier
President of Jean Monnet University
**UJM CONTRIBUTES TO THE MOMENTUM OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORTS RESEARCH TO COMBAT COVID-19**

- **Mobilisation of UJM research continues**

  - **IMP@UJM** has been asked by the CEA to participate in a “call for projects – innovative solutions to fight against COVID-19”. The call for projects is proposed by the Defence Innovation Agency. It falls within the framework of simplified procedures. The MicroMax project aims to set up simple, effective and sustainable protocols for sterilising fabric barrier masks in a microwave oven. The IMP was contacted for its expertise in polymer/microwave interaction. Frédéric Bequart will be in charge of the program. The GIMAP lab is also involved in the project.

  - **Constitution of the COVID-19 committee**, bringing together representatives of the Medicine Faculties and Laboratories in Saint-Etienne and Lyon. Elisabeth Bothelo Nevers, Bruno Pozzetto, Thomas Bourlet, Bernard Tardy and Philippe Berthelot represent UJM and the CHU of Saint-Etienne. This committee will participate along with the Research Vice-presidents of the Lyon Saint-Etienne site in the selection of research projects dedicated to COVID-19.

**BU: EXTENSION OF DOCUMENT LOANS**

Resources and documents loans, including laptops, have been extended to take into account the new containment period. [More information](#).

**BU: DIGITAL RESOURCES**

This week, the SCD offers you:

- to consult the [online documentation](#)
- to read the press online by accessing the [Europresse](#) platform or [Brief me & Brief eco](#)

**SPORTING CHALLENGE WITH THE SUAPS: GIFTS TO BE WON!**

Every Monday, the SUAPS offers you new sporting challenges to be carried out at home. It will reward students and staff who send in their videos. The submission of your video including the challenge, whether it is successful or not, will validate your participation in the draw that will be made every week. Various prizes can be won (tee-shirts, water bottle...). Don’t hesitate any longer, send your videos to suaps@univ-st-etienne.fr and your efforts will be rewarded!

**STUDENTS: NEW ORGANISATIONS, NEW CALENDARS**

**RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENT INSTRUCTORS IN THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (BU)**

The 5 BUs of UJM are recruiting about 30 instructors for the academic year 2020/21. [Link to apply](#).
STAFF: NEW PROCEDURES & RESOURCES

IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE RETURN TO SITE, WE CARRY OUT A CENSUS OF VULNERABLE PERSONS:

- if you suffer from one or more of the diseases listed on the MPU website, or if you are pregnant in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy, you may be at risk of developing a severe form of Covid-19;

- if you share your home with someone who is considered frail and at risk of developing severe Covid-19, you should avoid travel to protect the frail person you live with.

If you have not already done so, you must report these situations confidentially to the prevention doctor: brigitte.poizat@univ-st-etienne.fr who will then indicate to the HR department a recommendation for teleworking or specific authorization of absence for you.

STAFF LEAVE

Find all the useful details on the leave management section.

SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MONITORING

For several weeks now, we have been required to stay home to fight the spread of the coronavirus. Containment is in place to protect ourselves and others. This period can be more or less well endured depending on individual situations and family configurations. You will find a directory of professionals and volunteers at your disposal and/or that of your loved ones. Access the contacts.

CITIZEN COMMITMENT

As part of the health crisis and in order to mobilise everyone, the government launched the COVID-19 civic reserve. Four priority missions are proposed. More information.

TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM CORONAVIRUS

Wash your hands very often

When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with your arm

Dispose of any tissues you have used

IF YOU ARE SICK

Wear a face mask

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