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Note from the Defence and Security's Senior Official

Object: Covid-19 – Recommendations

Passage from Phase 1 to Phase 2

Until Friday February, 28th, the first Phase's purpose was to slow down the virus introduction on the national territory. Since the transition to Phase 2 was decided, after the identification of the virus circulation's zones on the national territory named « clusters », the purpose is to slow down the propagation of the virus in France.

Therefore, the Phase 1's measures had been suspended and new measures specific to that new phase has been taken.

Guidelines relating to wearing a mask

Regarding our perimeter, surgical masks (anti-spitting) are to be wear only by sick people and practitioners receiving diseased people.

Guidelines relating to clusters

A « cluster » is a zone where the virus is actively circulating.

Academic buildings located in a cluster can be subject to closing decisions taken by the department's prefect. It will follow a proposition from the ARS¹ in relation with the crisis committee on the basis of epidemiologic elements coming from daily sanitary transmissions.

Students, professors and professors-researchers living in clusters are submitted to the general recommendations for people living inside those zones. They are requested to limit their travels outside the zone, in particular to join gatherings outside the zone, except in case of necessity. They are thus requested, as much as possible, not to go to their higher education establishments located outside the zone.

Host establishments of those students will be contacted by the RD ESRI of the studies's area (in relation with the RD ESRI of the location area) to ask them to consider those particular circumstances, and to facilitate the online lectures's uploading on the usual platforms (students's digital environment).

Therefore :

- For students living in a student residence: a message must be transfer by the DG CROUS, in relation with the RD ESRI ;
- For all students, including those who are not living in student residences: it is asked of the students's host establishments to send them a message to invite them to stay home and inform them that online lectures were made available.

Guidelines relating to a return from a trip abroad

¹ ARS : Health Regional Agency

Since the virus is already circulating through our territory, there is no reason not to welcome in our establishments people coming back from countries where the virus is also actively circulating (except for the Chinese province of Hubei).

Students and employees of higher education establishments and research institutions coming back from countries where the virus is circulating (except Hubei area) :

- Can go back to their establishments ;
- Are invited to slow down their social life and be careful regarding their health (they shall take their temperature twice a day).

Inside living areas (student residences), it is thus not necessary to cloister concerned people anymore (dedicated buildings or else).

Guidelines relating to travels

Abroad missions, as well as personal travels outside European Union or in Europe's risk areas must be delayed as much as possible, unless verified necessity.

General public guidelines's relay

In regards with the strong territorial grid of the ministry's sway, it is particularly important to relay the general public guidelines to limit the propagation of the virus, *i.e.*:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Cough and sneeze in your elbow
- Use only one-time use handkerchiefs
- Do not shake hands
- If you have symptoms, call 15
- Stay home if you are sick
- Do not wear a mask if you are not sick

That communication must lean on the available supports on the following website : <https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus>

National follow-up regarding MESRI

Ministry center of crisis is activated from Monday March, 2nd at 7 am. Information transmissions are only to be addressed to cmc1@education.gouv.fr.

Transmitted informations are centralised before being sent to the ministry center of crisis by the ESRI delegated rectors (or, in absence of a delegated rector, by the academic area's rector).

Boards and information transmissions's timing are to be sent separately.