

UNIVERSITE PARIS NANTERRE

**Communiqué from Jean-François Balaudé to the university community -
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Dear colleagues,
Dear students,

Yesterday evening, Saturday 14 March, the Prime Minister asked the entire population to respect the instructions for social distancing, in particular to strictly limit travel, meetings and non-essential contacts, and to respect barrier gestures. In this respect, the Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation has asked institutions to reinforce the measures already taken last weekend.

Therefore, for the University of Paris Nanterre, I am communicating the following elements, which reinforce the previous provisions (<https://www.parisnanterre.fr/covid-19-mesures-958340.kjsp?RH=FR>), or are added to them, and which I ask you to respect. The health of the population is at stake, yours, that of your loved ones and that of everyone else. The rules concerning student mobility, as recalled on Friday, remain unchanged, as do those concerning staff mobility, all of which have been suspended.

1/ Interruption of all activities open to the public

Pursuant to article 4 of the order of 14 March 2020 on various measures to combat the spread of COVID 19, users for education activities are not allowed on the entire campus as of Monday 16 March. This concerns initial and continuing training activities but also libraries and sports and cultural activities.

As a reminder, in order to guarantee pedagogical continuity, the university's pedagogical teams will have to implement on-line teaching.

Information will be regularly sent to teachers and students to accompany the organisation of pedagogical work and studies in this context. It is requested to wait for these instructions before asking any questions by e-mail.

Administrative staff should, as a priority, stay at home and work from home whenever their activity allows it. Those whose activity does not lend itself to work from home will benefit from a special leave of absence.

As regards the activities necessary for the implementation of the Business Continuity Plan, they will be carried out by teleworking whenever possible. Administrative managers have been made aware of the subject and must take the necessary measures in this respect with their colleagues.

These activities, in view of the situation and the infrastructure required, will, as far as possible, be grouped together in a few buildings. The other buildings will be closed from Tuesday.

Monday will be used to finalise the organisation of the coming weeks by the administrative managers and to allow staff to come and collect their belongings if necessary.

2/ Use of remote working for research units

Unless there is a compelling reason (ongoing experimentation, animal facilities, etc.), research activities must be carried out at home.

3/ Postponement of the current electoral process

Planned electoral operations within the university, including the process leading to the election of the President, are postponed. The electoral calendars are suspended as of today.

4/ Postponement of national exams and selective exams

Competitions (including civil service selective exams, selection committees, etc.) will have their calendars adjusted.

Reminder of common rules

It is appropriate :

- Not to come on campus unless specifically requested to do so by the line manager.
- Limit your movements in transport, and in general.
- To respect social distancing and barrier gestures essential to the non-propagation of the virus.

I am counting on your commitment and civic-mindedness, and wish you and your family a healthy life.

With my full dedication,

Jean François Balaudé,
President of the University

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