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ARGENTINA

UNIVERSIDAD TORCUATO DI TELLA

I am contacting you to provide you an update about the current Covid-19 situation.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of Coronavirus at the University. There are, however, 17 cases in the country. The University's Coronavirus task force has been monitoring the virus development and is working towards providing a comprehensive response to this dynamic situation.

While the University is open and operating, following directives from the National Ministry of Public Health, certain restrictions were put in place yesterday for anyone returning from countries high-risk countries. On-line courses are being offered for this population. Additionally, special protocols have been put in place to diminish the possibilities of contagion within the institution. The full communication about the measures taken was sent to the University community by President Juan José Cruces on March 3rd, 2020 and is copied below for your information.

We appreciate your partnership. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about your students.

Warm regards,

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De: Juan José Cruces

Ref.: Coronavirus: Temporary restricted access to UTDT campus to travelers returning from high-risk countries and individuals who came in contact with coronavirus patients. Other preventive measures. Academic continuity plan.

Date: 3/9/2020



Dear members of Di Tella's community:

Due to the spread of coronavirus in our country, we have decided to take preventive measures to avoid the potential spread of the disease at UTDT, following the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations, as well as local authorities'. We have also implemented a plan to ensure academic continuity and minimize the disruption of the educational process by all possible means. Moreover, we have created a follow-up committee to monitor the situation and make appropriate decisions to protect our community's health, against the backdrop of a continuously evolving landscape.

Preventive measure:

Following the official recommendations and guidelines, we have determined to ban access to Di Tella's campus to any traveler during the 14 days following their return to our country from a trip to a high-risk country. The list of countries may vary upon the local Department of Health guidelines, but at the time the countries with widespread sustained transmission are China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Italy, Spain, France and Germany. This access ban also applies to those individuals who have been in contact with coronavirus patients, for the same period of time. These restrictions are effective immediately and even apply to those members of Di Tella who have shown no symptoms.

If you have experienced any of the aforementioned situations, we ask you to take responsibility and contribute to our collective wellbeing, by informing us at your earliest convenience to the following email addresses prevencion.alumnos@utdt.edu if you're a student, or prevencion.rrhh@utdt.edu if you're a professor, staff or community member. Among other initiatives, this will help us quickly put forward a contingency plan to teach classes online.

At the same time, we are increasing hygiene and cleaning measures on our campus and have set up additional hand sanitizer dispensers in the hallways of our buildings.

In case you're planning to travel abroad in the near future, whether it might be for business or pleasure, please bear in mind that you'll have to self-quarantine upon your return from the high-risk destinations to this date and others that will probably soon be listed. Thus, we suggest that all members of Di Tella's community postpone unnecessary trips abroad until a better time.

Academic continuity plan:

In an attempt to minimize the impact this preventive measure will have on our academic year, since last week, our IT Department has been working on an online teaching campus. To this end, other additional tools will be used (Zoom, Google Meets, Hangouts meet, Instagram live videos, Skype or others deemed as effective). Each Department's coordinator will contact students and/or professors in quarantine to provide them with all available means to take or give an online class. We ask students, professors, and staff members to do their best to minimize the impact of this adversity on academic life.

If a quarantined student missed classes because the streaming of their classes was not yet available, we ask professors to please offer those students make-up sessions, using one of the aforementioned online



tools. Against this complex backdrop, I'm pleased to announce that today we have successfully streamed our first online classes. For the time being and until further notice, extracurricular seminars will not be conducted on-site but instead on-line. This is not our current scenario, but we cannot rule out that this crisis might aggravate and all our classes have to be streamed online, in order to minimize human contact. We hope this isn't eventually the case.

The circumstances we are facing demand caution, seriousness, serenity and speed. Therefore, we ask that you adopt these measures in order to maximize our preventive efforts. Thanks in advance for your support and understanding.

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