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Measures in response to the spread of COVID-19 disease

Decision

It is hereby decided that the following applies at Uppsala University:

- Uppsala University will switch to distance teaching and assessment from 18 March 2020 onwards.
- Departures from course and programme syllabuses will be allowed as regards the modes of assessing student performance and teaching to enable remote delivery, in cases where this is possible without compromising the quality of education. Decisions on departures from the syllabus will be made by the body or person that approved the course or programme syllabus concerned.
- Staff and students must without exception stay at home if they have the slightest symptoms of a cold or influenza.
- Members of staff who personally belong to an at-risk group or who live with a person in an at-risk group should be given the opportunity, as far as possible and after consulting their line manager, to work at home even if they have no symptoms. Other members of staff should – in consultation with their manager – work wholly or partly from home as far as their duties allow this.

The following points apply under earlier decisions:

- No business travel abroad will be approved in the period until 14 April 2020.
- International conferences and visits are to be cancelled until 14 April 2020. National conferences involving more than 100 people should be limited if possible. Decision-making authority rests with line managers/heads of division.

This decision enters into force immediately.

Background

This decision has been taken in view of the spread of COVID-19 disease (coronavirus SARS-CoV-2). This decision supersedes previous decisions associated with the spread of COVID-19 disease.

The decision in this matter was taken by the undersigned Vice-Chancellor after consultation with the Management Council, following a presentation of the matter by Chief Legal Officer Per Abrahamsson.

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