Dear all,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the way in which you coped with the restrictions imposed by the health emergency in the past weeks. Thanks to your patience and flexibility, the University of Trento managed to provide its services and activities to young people, families and other public and private stakeholders despite the pandemic. I also would like to thank the union representatives for their cooperation and commitment to protect workers’ rights in these difficult circumstances.

We are about to enter the long-awaited “phase 2”, which will not be much different from the previous one, but which calls for greater responsibility.

Teaching in remote mode will continue at least until the end of this semester and exams and graduations will continue to take place online too, as will all other activities; however, access to University buildings may be authorised, on a limited basis, only for the time necessary to perform a given task. All work activities must be carried out in compliance with safety regulations.

In the area of research activities, access to laboratories and other research spaces will be granted only if it is absolutely essential for activities that cannot be organized in any other way or needs that cannot be postponed and for the time strictly necessary. Also in this case, prior authorization will be required and proper safety measures must be in place and physical distancing must be ensured. These safety measures can in many cases oblige to arrange shifts for the access to the rooms.

In this delicate phase I therefore call upon your cooperation to behave in a way that limits the spread of the virus. I would like to give you some guidelines to ensure safety for all.

Access to University buildings will be granted to staff who have been authorised by the head of the department, centre, or directorate.

Authorised staff will have to self-evaluate their health status and go to work only if they show no flu-like symptoms.

Access will be granted to authorised staff wearing a face mask, which will be provided at the reception to individuals who do not have one.

Staff will remain in the building only as long as necessary to perform the authorised task.

Signs with general rules and guidance on how to use lifts, printers and vending machines will be posted on site.

While all the measures adopted by the President of the Council of Ministers and by national and local authorities remain in place, all administrative and technical staff and teaching and research staff are reminded to practice good personal hygiene, maintain at least a 1 metre distance from others and avoid gatherings.

Please watch the video for the correct use of face masks and single-use gloves: https://youtu.be/KztFEOQa_pA. Attached you can find the Protocol to control and contain the spread of SARS-COV-2 in the workplaces of the University of Trento (the English version will be provided next week upon request).

Best wishes to you all,

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