

Dear teacher,

Welcome back to Wageningen University for a new academic year! We hope you were able to enjoy a relaxed summer break. We can look back on successful Annual Introduction Days in which about 2200 new students participated physically and about 450 online. In this email we would like to inform you about how education will take place starting Monday August 30.

Press conference August 13

In the press conference of last Friday August 13, our Prime Minister announced that the new Academic Year can start in accordance with the education scenario we prepared: a lifting of the 1.5 meter social-distance measure and a maximum of 75 students in a classroom. With the social-distance requirement lifted in the classroom, the capacity of the campus is to a large extent restored to the pre-corona situation. We're very happy that we can make a big step forward in our on-campus education.

Letter to students

Enclosed you find the letter we have just sent to all our students with the following (summarized) content:

- The schedules for period 1 are published and they are in line with current possibilities and limitations.
- In case students cannot or don't want to come to campus due to Covid-19 for several days, they can contact a student-dean. Teachers might but are not required to offer an online alternative.
- When tested positive for corona students are requested to inform the course coordinator (see below).
- From 30 August onwards, it is mandatory to wear face masks when moving through an education building (Forum, Orion, Aurora, Atlas, and Leeuwenborch). This applies both to students and staff.
- All our education buildings fully comply with the current ventilation requirements. Therefore, all rooms are available for teaching.
- We urge students and staff to take a self-test twice a week, even when fully vaccinated. We have some stock available at the entrances of university buildings but request you to order them

online from [Zelftestonderwijs](#) (the self-tests are not intended to rule out infections when you have symptoms).

- We urge our students (and also staff) to get vaccinated.

Max 75 students

We are looking forward to having our students back on campus again more frequently. A maximum of 75 students is permitted within a single classroom in period 1. For groups larger than 75 students you may use hybrid or online modes of education. You can use the Brightspace Groups tool to create groups that may attend your lectures on campus. Please, visit the [Help for Lecturers](#) for more information on Groups in Brightspace.

In case of a Corona infection

In case of a known Corona infection in your student group, we encourage you - as before the summer break - to consult the Taskforce education on how to deal with the situation. Call the Forum reception (0317-4) 82160, and you will be put in contact with a colleague from the Taskforce education.

You are not required to provide an online alternative for students who cannot attend due to Corona or who quarantine. Obviously, you are allowed to organize an alternative if you can and want to do so.

Other aspects concerning positive (self)test results and symptoms as reported to the students also apply to teachers. This means quarantine if tested positive and avoid groups (and thus the campus) if a close contact is tested positive.

Other measures and regulations

Our [policy regarding \(international\) excursions](#) remains unchanged.

At the moment, it is not clear yet what the national regulations will be regarding on campus exams. The same goes for the rules regarding canteens, the library, labs of chair groups, etc. We expect to receive detailed guidelines from our government soon.

With the latest press conference, the government has made some important exceptions for higher education. These exceptions will create

differences between your teaching activities and other (working and social) activities which may appear illogical. However, we are pleased with the current space offered to our education, also when this involves (seeming) inconsistencies.

Arthur Mol, Rector Magnificus

Arnold Bregt, Dean of Education

If you have any questions regarding any of the topics discussed in this letter, please check the [FAQ on the website](#), the [Factsheet Education 2021-2022](#) on the intranet or reach out to the Programme Director.