

Dear students,

Monday the academic year will start. In our [last letter](#) we shared the news that students and teachers are welcome on the campus again.

Some of you might have doubts about coming to campus. Feel free to wear a nose-mouth mask in class, and feel free to find a secluded space in the classroom or lecture hall if you wish to have enough personal space. You can share your concerns with your teachers. If you cannot come to campus for a longer period of time, please contact the student dean (student.dean@wur.nl).

In this letter we would like to inform you on the current situation and the rules that apply from August 30 onwards. In the attachment you can find the new can I come to campus flowchart.

1,5m distance

The 1.5m distance rule is no longer in force inside the educational buildings (Forum, Orion, Aurora, Atlas, Leeuwenborch) and in labs used for (BSc, MSc, PhD) education in other buildings. Please be aware that in other locations of these latter buildings as well as outside all buildings, the 1.5m distance rule still applies.

Thesis work in research facilities

Research facilities (including labs, excluding offices and meeting rooms) within the Science Groups buildings that are (partially) used for education (BSc, MSc, PhD) can take place without 1.5 m distance. Make sure you always follow the rules of the lab you work in. Most labs are located in non-educational buildings meaning you have to keep 1.5 m distance outside the lab.

Mouth-nose masks

Because no distance between persons is required in the educational buildings, it is mandatory to wear a mouth-nose mask inside these buildings while walking or standing. In the buildings, it is allowed to take them off when you are seated. Please feel free to wear a mouth-nose mask while seated for yourself and/or your fellow student. Respect each other's choice to (not) wear a mask while seated. A lecturer might request you to wear a mask in class, we kindly ask you to comply with such a request.

Ventilation in buildings

The educational buildings are modern and have good ventilation. The ventilation is more than sufficient according to the guidelines, even at full capacity.

Walking routes

In the buildings there are walking routes indicated with arrows. Always respect these routes when moving around in the buildings. The elevators are only in use for persons with limited mobility.

Capacity of classrooms

All rooms in educational buildings (practical rooms, classrooms, lecture halls) can use their normal capacity, with a maximum of 75 students. The teacher ensures that no more than 75 students will be in a classroom at the same time.

Canteens

The canteens have different sections, and each section has a capacity of 75 persons. There are also tents outside Forum and Orion which you may use as canteen. Nevertheless, there are fewer lunch spots than usual, please take this into consideration. The caterers are open for take-away.

Covid-19 self-test and GGD test facility

You are requested to do a self-test twice a week. This applies to everyone, also if you are vaccinated or already had COVID-19. Self-tests are available for free on <https://www.zelftestonderwijs.nl/>. Also, at the entrance of the university buildings there are free self-tests provided, but we kindly ask you to mainly get your supply from online ordering. In Orion, there is a temporary test facility (qPCR) from the GGD. You can make an appointment on <https://coronatest.nl/>.

Vaccination status survey

Many of you completed the short survey on vaccination status of students.

We're happy to see that many of you are already fully vaccinated or working on that. Over 88% is now fully vaccinated and many more have their vaccination planned already. In a few weeks, we therefore expect that 94% of our students will be fully vaccinated.

Want to get vaccinated? On September 8 and 9, 9:00-17:30 a mobile vaccination unit will be on Campus again (Janssen vaccine), or you can

use prikkenzonderafpraak.nl to find a location you can go to right now without appointment.

Exams

Exams in period 1 are on campus. If you have COVID-19 related issues, like a positive test, waiting for a test result or a roommate who has tested positive, an online alternative is available. The same goes for students with for instance chronic health problems who have been granted permission by the student dean.

Please be aware that the rules of remote proctored exams will be applied strictly. When non-compliance to the rules is detected, for instance a poor room scan, the Examining Board will declare the exam invalid. Using remote proctoring without a valid reason is not allowed.

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We look forward to seeing everyone back on campus and to start the academic year. Make sure to take the above guidelines into account and please keep social distancing when you are not in an educational building or educational lab.

Kind regards,

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 or reach out to ssc@wur.nl