

HEADLINE: new lockdown in the Netherlands, exams P2 and education P3 will continue

Dear students,

As you will have heard, **the Netherlands enters a severe lockdown** due to the spread of the coronavirus. You can read more about what this means for you on the official (English) [website](#) of the Dutch government and the [website](#) of the Dutch public broadcaster.

Also for our university this new lockdown will have consequences. We will shift to online education again until at least the 19th of January. An exception will be made for exams and practicals. This is in accordance with government regulations, due to the important nature of these activities for maintaining our quality of education and in order prevent study delay.

- This means that **the exams of period 2** that are scheduled on campus **will continue to take place on campus**. The teacher will provide an online alternative if you are unable to come to campus because of corona-related reasons.
- Most **practicals in period 3** will continue as scheduled. The lecturer may ask you to wear a face mask throughout the practical. Thesis labwork can continue.
- We are currently working very hard on the organisation of courses in period 3. Your teachers will keep you updated, so make sure to check your mail and the online schedules regularly. Please allow your teachers some time to organise their courses in the new situation, since they will also have a holiday.
- Individual **study spaces on campus will only be accessible after registration** during this lockdown period and are meant for students that are unable to study at home.
- The **maximum group size outside is 2 people**, this is also the case on campus for all activities, during field work and excursions or when you are sporting.

We realise this new lockdown will be a blow to our students. For many of you it means you might not be able to celebrate the holidays in the way you planned. We hope to welcome you on our campus again in the new year. For now, it is important everyone conforms to the rules set by the government, also at home during the holidays, in order to keep each other safe. In addition to this, try to look after each other during the lockdown period. Make sure to **reach out to your peers in a safe way**, for instance online or through a Christmas card, in order to ensure we are still united during the holidays. Later this week you will receive a mail about this from the Student Service Centre.

Kind regards,

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