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Dear Students,

We hope you are well. We would like to remind the entire community that should you present any Covid symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has been identified as positive that you MUST call the JCU Emergency Number + 39 331 656 1907.

Randomized Testing

As we have previously mentioned, we will be conducting randomized testing on a sample of the JCU Community at regular intervals. Students, Staff, and Faculty that have been selected to participate this time around will be receiving an email tomorrow morning confirming their selection and instructions on how to make an appointment. This first round of testing will take place on Friday, October 16th at the Critelli campus. **Please note** that if you do not receive this communication you will not be able to participate in the testing this time around. We will continue to test our JCU community periodically following best practices and our medical advisor's advice. If you are selected and for any reason, you are not able to come to get tested on Friday please reply to the email that you will receive so someone else can be selected.

New decree from the Italian Government

We would like to inform you that on October 13th the Italian Government published a new decree. The decree continues the use of masks at all times (including when outside) and reaffirms current social distancing measures. In addition, here are some of the important points that are applicable to students:

- Parties are forbidden inside and outside and there should be a maximum of 6 guests in a private home. As a reminder, all students in JCU housing cannot host guests in their apartments.
- Restaurants and bars can remain open until midnight and only if people are seated. Establishments, where there is only standing room, must close at 9 pm.
- Field trips are suspended for the next 30 days. Later this week JCU will update students regarding academic trips.

Please consider reading the entire decree. At the moment it is only available in Italian.

http://www.governo.it/sites/new.governo.it/files/dPCM_13_ottobre_2020.pdf

Update from the Ministry of Health

On October 12th, the Italian Ministry of Health published new guidelines regarding isolation and quarantine. Please find the entire document here:

<http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioNotizieNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=5117>

In summary, these are the guidelines:

Positive asymptomatic cases

Asymptomatic people who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 can return to the community after an isolation period of at least 10 days from the onset of positivity, at the end of which a molecular test is performed and a negative result is achieved (10 days + negative test).

Positive symptomatic cases

Symptomatic people who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 can return to the community after a period of isolation of at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms, and a molecular test with negative result performed after at least 3 days without symptoms (10 days, of which at least 3 days without symptoms + test).

Long-term positive cases

People who, no longer presenting symptoms, but continue to test positive for the molecular test for SARS-CoV-2, will be able to stop isolation 21 days after the onset of symptoms. These criteria may be applied by the health authorities in cooperation with clinical experts and microbiologists/virologists, taking into account the immune status of the persons concerned (in immunosuppressed patients the period of contagion can be prolonged).

Close asymptomatic contacts

Those who have been identified by the Health Authorities as having had close contact with a SARS-CoV-2 positive person s must observe:

- a 14-day quarantine period from the last exposure to the positive person; or
- a quarantine period of 10 days from the last exposure to the positive person the last exposure with a negative rapid antigen or molecular test carried out on the tenth day.

Please remember that during this time the university discourages travel for non-essential reasons.

Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

Best,

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