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COVID Updates: New Italian Government Decree, 4 November 2020

Dear Students,

Today, Wednesday November 4, a new Italian Decree (DPCM) was signed into law, implementing additional restrictions here in Rome.

http://www.governo.it/sites/new.governo.it/files/Dpcm_3_novembre_2020.pdf

The new decree will go into effect starting Thursday November 5.

Important updates include:

- **The national daily curfew now starts at 10pm and ends at 5am.** No one is to be out in public during this time unless they have an urgent health or work need. **Persons who must go out during the curfew must have a completed Self-Declaration on them at all times. The self-declaration can be seen in the previous decree from October 24** (http://www.regione.lazio.it/binary/rl_main/tbl_news/ordinanza_regione_lazio_intesa_Mi_nistro_salute_mod_accettate_rev1_ore_24_1_signed.pdf). An English-translation can be found on the last page of this pdf.
- **For now, in-presence and on-site lessons are only permissible for first-year university students.** At JCU, this means that only first-year university students (students who are in their first year of study at JCU, including ENLUS students) are allowed to come to campus for in-person classes. Professors have been provided a list of first-year students still eligible to attend in-person classes. **The campuses are still accessible to all students for use of the Library, Tiber Cafe, rapid-test screening, and common areas like the courtyards and terraces.** Students who are in their second or more year of study may only follow their classes remotely. **Given this remote-learning mandate for second-year and older university students, JCU Immigration Services will communicate additional instructions to international students regarding visa and permesso compliance. Please wait to make official travel plans until JCU has clarity from Italian immigration officials. We expect to have an update tomorrow or by the end of the week.**
- Restaurants and bars will close all sit-down services at 6pm but establishments can continue delivery service until 10pm. *****At JCU, this means that JCU Tiber Café bar-service will close at 6pm. Sit-down dinner service will continue until 7:30pm, with final closure at 8pm.** Please stay tuned for future updates about JCU Tiber Cafè dinner service***
- The Library will now close at 8:45pm.
- **All JCU academic campuses will close at 9pm.**
- Gyms are closed *****At JCU, this means our gym at the Gianicolo residence will continue to be closed until further notice. Please continue to check the JCU website for updates on**

upcoming outdoor activities, hosted by the JCU Athletics department, which will continue as originally scheduled and until the Lazio government updates requirements that might suspend those off-campus events***

- All cinemas, concert halls, museums and art galleries are now closed.
- Roman public transportation will operate at 50% capacity
- At this time, the regional governments have not clarified expectations and rules for travel between regions. **JCU strongly recommends that all students limit any tourism to the Lazio region until further clarity about transportation and transit are made public (most likely tomorrow).** Local municipal authorities will have different expectations for movement within and between regions; some regions will limit travel only for urgent needs and based on residency.

As always, please remember the following:

- **Any student who is experiencing flu-like symptoms, even mild ones, or has been in close contact with a COVID positive person must immediately call the JCU emergency phone (+39 331 656 1907).**
- First-year students who transition to online learning for an urgent health need must write their professor to notify them that they will be following class remotely. **Students may share with their professors the reason for their absence (i.e. they are positive, symptomatic, or a close contact) but that disclosure is at their discretion. JCU encourages students to be forthcoming with their professors, but students are not obliged to share personal medical details with faculty.** JCU does share any and all instances of positivity with the University community, but names of positive persons will always be kept private. **The ASL is the only entity that can officially disclose names and details of a COVID positive person to the public.**
- JCU has set up on campus operations to avoid any possibility for close contact. If everyone follows the rules, we ensure our mutual health and mitigate opportunities for contagion.

Some students have inquired about pre-emptively leaving Rome before the end of the semester over concerns about increasing restrictions in Italy and rising positivity rates. JCU will remain open and operational to the fullest extent of the law to continue to provide services and support to students; this includes our residences. We understand that, current circumstances being what they are, people in the community may feel uneasy. However, at this time, Rome and the region of Lazio are not considered high-risk. **While the current decree may impose new restrictions, it does not outright cancel the rest of the semester or your Fall 2020 experience. You can still take advantage of life abroad, albeit in a different way than you originally anticipated. Continue to experience life in Rome by walking through the beautiful historical center and eating at local establishments.**

Please know that, even in the event of another complete lockdown, like Italy experienced in February and March earlier this year, JCU would continue to support students in Rome. If the JCU campuses were closed, online lessons would continue and the residences would remain open to host students currently living in JCU housing.

First-year students who feel compelled to leave earlier, for whatever reason, should please do the following:

- **International students must contact the JCU Immigration Office (immigrationservices@johncabot.edu) to understand how their immigration status will be affected by remote learning. Students must ensure they are in full compliance with Italian**

regulations for foreigner registration before they make plans to leave Rome. The JCU immigration office will provide accurate information regarding pending visa or permit to stay applications, what to expect upon re-entry to Italy next semester, and how remote learning may impact current immigration processes.

- Submit your Petition for Academic Exemption to the Dean of Academics, Dean Mary Merva (mmerva@johncabot.edu). **Second-year and older students do not have to submit a petition BUT any international students must contact the JCU Immigration Office if they are considering leaving Rome.**
- Contact the JCU Housing Office (housing@johncabot.edu) if you are checking-out of your JCU apartment so you can sign any exit paperwork and return your apartment key. **Do not leave without formally contacting JCU housing and formalizing your exit.**
- **Review any testing requirements for international travel pertinent to your journey.** Some countries are mandating a PCR negative test result done 48 hours prior to departure. The U.S., at this time, does not require preliminary testing to enter the U.S. if coming from Italy.

For those persons who may need a COVID test to return to their home country, the JCU Doctor On Call, Dr. Guerriero (+39 320 406 5709), can provide a prescription for the test, to be done by the Italian National Health Service. Below please find additional information for getting a COVID test for travel purposes:

- This service is a drive-thru testing site, so you must go by personal car or taxi
- There are several drive-in stations to undergo a Covid 19 test in Rome. This is a link where you can find all of them: <https://www.salutelazio.it/elenco-tamponi-drive-in>. The most efficient is the Campus BioMedico (easier registration process - you can do everything from inside the car, and results are provided by email) while the closest to JCU is located at the ASLRoma1 (slightly more complicated registration process).

Note that the results of the test are usually ready within 48 hours and the results will be sent by email (often the email goes in Junk - Spam so check both). If you do testing at the ASLRoma1, you will be given a link and password to download the results online.

Dr. Guerriero will invoice patients a €50 prescription and service fee. You can write to deanofstudents@johncabot.edu or andrea.guerriero@johncabot.edu for details on payment.

The price for the PCR test is around €70. You cannot get a PCR for travel purposes without a doctor's prescription.

For more information, please write the [Dean of Students office](#).

JCU students who are continuing classes remotely from outside Italy can still take advantage of mental health services through Mondo Equilibrio. The Mondo Equilibrio HelpLine is available, confidentially, to all students, 24/7, wherever in the world you are, by calling 800-969-239. If you are calling from outside of Italy, or from a non-Italian phone number, call +44 20 7938-0870. You can find more information at www.mondoequilibrio.com.

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Please see next page for **English version of self-declaration to leave during curfew hours**

FOR REFERENCE ONLY

SELF DECLARATION

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ART. 46, 47 AND 76 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 445/2000

I, the undersigned, _____, born on _____ in
_____ (_____), resident of _____ (_____) in Via
_____ and currently living in _____ (_____) Via
_____, identified by _____ (document type),
document number _____, issued by _____ on
_____, phone number _____, aware of the penalty for any false
declaration made to public officials (art. 495 of the Penal Code)

HEREBY DECLARE ON MY OWN RESPONSABILITY

- To not have been placed in quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19, or for any other measure to contain the spread of the virus (*except for travel approved by the Italian health authorities*);
- To be aware of the regulations currently in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19 regarding restrictions on individual travel throughout the country;
- To be aware of the measures and restrictions set out in regulations, or other administrative measures, imposed by the president of the Region or by the mayor, in compliance with current regulations;
- To be aware of the sanctions set out in art. 4.19 of the *Prime Minister's Decree of March 25 2020*, and in art. 2.33 of the *Prime Minister's Decree of May 16 2020*;
- That my travel is required for:
 - work demands
 - health grounds
 - other reasons permissible under current regulations or under the aforementioned decrees, regulations and measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus; (specify reason for travel):
_____;
- That I left from (provide starting address)

to arrive at (provide destination address)
_____;
- For the following reason:
_____;

Date, hour and place of check

Signed

Declarant

Police Officer

