

SARS-COV-2 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

NOTICE

To all members of the University of Siena community

Due to the epidemiological evolution of the disease COVID-19 caused by the SARS-Cov_2 Coronavirus in Italy, and based on the decrees issued by the [Ministry of Health](#) and the [Tuscany Region](#) dated 21/02/2020, as a **precautionary measure**, all students, administrative, technical, and teaching staff and researchers are requested to **respect the following provisions**:

- 1) Anyone who has recently visited [areas of Italy](#) where there have been outbreaks of the disease or has been in contact with people from these areas must **follow closely the provisions issued by the local, regional and national authorities, remain in his/her own home/place of residence and await further indications from the relevant bodies.**
- 2) Anyone who, **within the last fourteen days**, has returned to Italy from China or other countries affected by the disease, must inform the appropriate local health authorities (the telephone numbers of the three 'ASL' health authorities for Tuscany are reported below).
- 3) **Students with suspect symptoms (cough, fever or respiratory difficulty) MUST NOT ATTEND CLASSES** or any other curricular or extracurricular activities, and **all teaching, administrative and technical staff and researchers with these symptoms must not go to work** (adopting the relevant procedures in their contract). You are also advised to **contact the special number** set up by the local health authority (ASL) or the **emergency number 1500 of the Ministry of Health** and inform the healthcare professionals of any trips or contacts you have had with subjects at risk in previous weeks, and also inform your own GP/family doctor.

In order to promote responsible behaviours, the University will **exempt students from attending classes** if they are required to adopt the measures set out in the above-mentioned decrees. The University will undertake to provide students with the opportunity to make up exam and graduation sessions so that they may reach their educational objectives in any case.

The latest updates, regulations and provisions can be found on the web pages dedicated to the coronavirus of the Ministry of Health and the Tuscany Region websites at the following links:

[Ministero della Salute](#)

[Regione Toscana](#)

These are the telephone numbers of the three local health authorities for Tuscany:

ASL southeastern Tuscany (Arezzo, Grosseto, Siena): **800 579579**

ASL northwestern Tuscany (Pisa, Livorno, Lucca, Massa Carrara, Viareggio): **050 954444**.

ASL central Tuscany (Florence, Prato, Pistoia, Empoli): **055 5454777**.

The **toll-free regional helpline** of the Counseling centre, manned by trained operators, is also active. The service offers advice and guidance on procedures and initiatives set out by the Region regarding the Coronavirus. The toll-free helpline number is **800 556060**, option 1: it is active from Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will continue to provide updates from the relevant authorities, as well as information and support.

Useful links (updated regularly)

- [Cosa c'è da sapere](#) (What you need to know- Italian Ministry of Health)
- [Epicentro - Istituto superiore di sanità](#)
- [Regione Toscana - coronavirus](#)
- [World Health Organization - coronavirus disease](#)