

Dear colleagues
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with the Ordinance of the Minister of Health of December 4th, the Tuscany Region was again included in the so-called "Orange zone" (art. 2 of the DPCM 3 December 2020: "... areas of the national territory characterized by a high-risk scenario").

More or less simultaneously, the DPCM December 3rd 2020 was issued, which changed some of the provisions regarding university activities (Article 1, par. 10, letter u)), the Ordinance n. 117 of the President of the Regional Council was also published on December 5th 2020, and on December 5th 2020 the Regional Coordination Committee of the Tuscan Universities met for an appropriate reflection on the new rules.

Basically, starting from Wednesday December 9th 2020, the guidelines issued by the Academic Senate on November 10th will return to be in force.
(https://www.unisi.it/sites/default/files/allegatiparagrafo/senato_linee_guida_dpcm_03112020.pdf).

The teaching activities of first-year courses can therefore return to be carried out in presence, unless otherwise decided by the Departments, based on the specific situations.

Furthermore, taking into account that the DPCM of December 3rd 2020 also allows for the training activities "... aimed at classes with a small number of students ..." to be held in presence, each department, independently, has the right to reactivate courses that comply with this requirement.

In both cases, the Heads of the Departments are invited to inform students promptly and widely about which courses will be held again in presence, provided that each individual course will continue to be delivered also online, in accordance with the guidelines of the Academic Senate.

For any other situation, the provisions of the aforementioned Guidelines apply, including the obligation to carry out exam or graduation sessions exclusively in the remote mode.

On this occasion, I remind everyone of the importance of strictly following the behavioral rules required for attending university environments, for safety of the entire community of USiena.