

## **Transition to e-learning, starting from Monday, 19 October 2020**

Dear colleagues and students,

I would like to inform you that based on the epidemiologic developments concerning the COVID-19 disease in Cyprus and most importantly the difficulties faced by the Epidemiological Monitoring Unit of the Ministry of Health to gather information regarding suspicious or positive cases of the disease, UCY has decided the following:

- Courses will be conducted online, starting from Monday, 19 October 2020 until the end of the Fall Semester 2020 -2021.
- Mid-terms and final exams will be carried out on campus, with physical presence.
- Laboratory courses will be conducted with physical presence, with all hygiene protocols in place.

While according to the information we have so far no clusters have occurred in the community and the five cases announced so far do not seem to be connected, it is important to safeguard our members and act preventively. We have tested our IT infrastructure from the beginning of the pandemic crisis last semester, and we are wiser and more experienced for ensuring the quality of online teaching.

Up to date, all our decisions and actions were based on the certainty that the community's health is not at stake. Given the recent developments on a national level, we move to the virtual environment of teaching and interacting.

Finally, I strongly advise you to stay at home and limit your interactions/movements to the minimum and absolutely necessary ones. Our transition to e-learning should not be a pretext for outside gatherings. Stay home, stay safe, apply all hygiene and distancing protocols, wear your mask, protect yourself, the vulnerable groups and your fellow citizens.

Personal responsibility is a prerequisite for overcoming this challenging period worldwide.

Thank you all, we will be in constant communication.

Warm regards,

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Rector