

## INSTITUTIONAL MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS 23/03/2020

Dear students,

I am contacting you at the beginning of this important week. As always, I hope that your health and that of all your loved ones is good. Please, let's continue to comply with the containment measures decreed by the Government, as they are being shown in other countries to be adequate to stop the spread of this terrible virus.

Since the Government decreed the suspension of the face-to-face classes, we are receiving your suggestions and concerns, which we thank you for helping us to make decisions. All of them are analysed, both individually and as a group, and we will try to give you an answer as soon as possible. Some of them, which may seem simple, become really complex when they are integrated into the overall functioning of the School. In any case, and as I mentioned in previous communications, we guarantee the necessary reinforcement of the sessions taught at a distance or online, the alternative of changing the program, and we are considering the possibility of satisfying the request to begin classes once the government gives the green light to this type of teaching. This last option has many implications, as it is not clear when we will be able to return to the classroom, it affects the availability of the faculty, the beginning and end of the academic year, accreditations, etc, but I guarantee that we will study it, and we will do everything possible to offer a viable solution.

We also inform you that we will start the online training on the 27th, thus fulfilling the mandate of the Spanish Government in its Decree of the State of Alarm.

For this week, the objective is to continue with the teaching activity and, as I said, to start the online classes from the 27th. To do this, throughout the day you will receive a communication from the Department of Digital Transformation of ESIC with the guide to use the ZOOM tool that has been integrated into the Moodle and Canvas Campus. The communication will also inform you about how to access it from your profile. Please read the guide carefully so that we can clarify any doubts. You will have academic and technical support to help you with anything you need. I can assure you that the use of the tool is very simple.

Allow me to ask you again to make every effort to work on the online classes. As I said, it will not condition possible decisions that you will later make and that we will try to fulfill. It is an opportunity to learn the real application of the digital transformation and to move forward, something that is essential in these complicated moments and with so much uncertainty.

Please consult the ESIC website proactively, and especially the section <https://www.esic.edu/informacion-de-esic-sobre-el-coronavirus> where we will be uploading all the communications and other information that may be of interest to you. Thank you very much, and we will continue to make progress together.

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