

BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDENT PRESS RELEASE

Dear students,

I hope that both you and your loved ones are in good health. In case any of you have suffered the impact of COVID-19, I send you my love and support to overcome the effects of this painful virus.

It is my pleasure to get in touch with you again to share some updates related to the end of the course and other topics that I think are of interest to you. By now it is a well-known fact that the Spanish government extended the State of Emergency until 11/5/2020 meanwhile weighing options for de-escalation, on which progress was made when the President of the Spanish Government confirmed the announcement that the education system will not go back to the classroom for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. An initial projected return date has been set for September 2020, pending any future decisions made by the Spanish Government and/or the Autonomous Communities.

We are aware of the impact the confinement measures are having on all students, especially on our international students and those Spanish citizens who have uprooted to attend their programmes. For those of you who are scheduled to finish your programme before 31/7, it makes sense for you to consider returning to your country or home as soon as circumstances allow in order to avoid incurring further accommodation or other associated costs. As I mentioned in previous communications, any student may attend any module they wish to reinforce, of those they have already done remotely, as a listener during the next in-person class.

ESIC has followed the instructions of the Spanish Government from the very beginning and taken decisions in accordance with their mandates and recommendations, seeking the best way for our students to achieve their learning objectives in the face of these extraordinary circumstances. We are aware that society is facing new changes and we are committed to accompanying you through this process, putting at your disposal, with no additional cost to you, complementary learning activities that will allow you to develop new skills and share experiences. In the next few days we will inform you in detail about this offer, which will have a dedicated space on our website, but I anticipate that we will offer you targeted employability activities as well as access to all of our Alumni services and activities, a subscription to our prestigious partner's digital magazine, Harvard Business Review, management skills development sessions in the new COVID-19 setting, and master classes with leading executives from different fields. As I said, in a few days we will provide you with the specific details of each of the activities we are programming.

The experience we are living, which was unimaginable to any of us a few months ago, is forcing us to unlearn in order to learn again, to give up some things to get others. The digital transformation has undeniably accelerated, and we are acquiring skills that will be valued as essential in the new business world. Let us take advantage of the opportunity that each crisis gives us.

Please continue to actively check the ESIC website, especially the section <https://www.esic.edu/informacion-de-esic-sobre-el-coronavirus>, where we will be uploading all communications and other information that may be of interest to you.

We ask you to take care of yourselves, to keep your morale high and to have lots of faith in others and yourselves.

Kind regards,

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Dean, ESIC Business School