Dear students,

In recent days, the number of COVID-19 infections in Rotterdam has risen sharply. It is precisely among students that we see a remarkable increase.

**Follow the rules: for yourself and for others**

COVID-19 is a serious virus. Young people can also become seriously ill and suffer serious long-term consequences from infection. Several students of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) also have been tested positively in recent weeks. We must therefore do everything we can to stop the virus spreading. For yourself, but also for others.

In the last few days, it appears that some of you just bend the rules around COVID-19. This makes the work of the GGD Health Service more difficult and makes it even easier to spread the virus. That cannot be the intention, of course.

That's why we urge you to follow the rules:

- Avoid busy places like cafes and don't sit close together
- Keep 1.5 meters away – indoors and outdoors
- Stay at home with mild complaints and get yourself tested by the GGD Health Service – take this very seriously!
- Tested positive? Then follow the quarantine regulations!
- Participate in the source and contact survey of the GGD Health Service

**Campaign especially for students**

Last week we have spoken to the chairmen of the student associations. Together we are creating a campaign to make you aware of the dangers of the coronavirus. The campaign will be live from next Tuesday. Take the message seriously and speak to each other about everyone’s responsibility. Only together will we get this virus under control.

**Keep up!**

The COVID-19 regulations are not fun. Yet, they ensured that the number of infections decreased over time. We must not lose the reins, especially when we see the increase in the number of infections.

Keep up, we count on you!

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