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Dear partners,

We want to thank all of you who have informed us about your plans regarding student mobilities for the autumn semester 2020. The measures taken in Iceland to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus have proven effective and currently there are only a few active cases.

The University of Iceland is still planning on accepting exchange students for the 2020 autumn semester despite the challenging situation concerning COVID-19. Students should already have received their acceptance letter.

The campus is open, and we are expecting to be able to offer face-to-face teaching to all students next semester. The university will not be offering online versions of courses for students unable to attend the autumn semester on campus.

If the Coronavirus situation in the country changes for the worse then the method of teaching might have to be reconsidered. We will notify our partners and the students if there are any changes.

Please keep in mind that although Iceland opened for international travellers on 15 June, we cannot say when your country will open its borders for traveling.

From 15 June everyone travelling to Iceland is expected to be given a choice between a two-week quarantine or being tested for the virus upon arrival at the airport. This rule might be revised during the summer but we encourage students and our partners to follow updates here: https://www.covid.is/english

Everyone who enters the country will be asked to <u>download the app Rakning C-19</u>, which helps authorities trace the source of transmission.

We recommend that students do not engage in expenses such as flight tickets and housing unless they are sure that they will be able to travel and/or that they can get a refund.

You can find further information about the university's response to Covid-19 on our website.

We continue to closely monitor the situation and will inform you and your students of any changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best regards, the Staff off the International Office



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