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Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Students,

I kindly request that your attitude in the following weeks is the one of emergency: patience, self-discipline, as well as empathy and responsibility for others. I call to your conscience. Without having symptoms of the coronaviral disease, we may still pass it to other people, which may harm their health, and sometimes take their lives. Even if it is hard to believe, this is for real and it applies to everyone without exception. Do not be tempted to behave as usual and think you can bear the infection as the worst case scenario because you are, for instance, young and fit. Think about your friends, families and relatives of your friends. We may all pass the danger on them if we treat it too leniently.

It is crucially important to obey the quarantine (or any other scheme of isolation) imposed on you whenever the health care service or the sanitary authorities decide so. If you receive the message on such a decision, please do not treat this lightly, or as a joke. A case of the disease has been reported in our community and it is likely that further cases may follow – which, however, does not mean that anyone who has ever seen or have known the infected person should feel endangered. Anyway, you should take good care of yourself, monitor your health status and alert the health service if something unusual happens.

Let me express my cordial gratitude to the dormitory residents who proved their fast and understanding obedience to the official restraints imposed on you. I exerted pressure on you so that you depart whenever possible – first, because large gatherings of people should be avoided these days, and then, because the area of student dormitories may – I cannot hide this – be used for sanitary purposes if the spread of the disease becomes critical. I am aware that some of you left the campus before the ban on returning has been imposed. Therefore, if certain valuable belongings are left in your rooms, please call the dormitory managers or reception managers by phone, and we will make our best to safeguard these belongings in order to return them to you at our earliest convenience.

I realize that not all of you, especially international students are able to leave, in order to remain outside big clusters of people preferably at home, during the worst time. I promise to guarantee you support and care from the University of Lodz to the extent possible. Nobody plans to deprive you of a place to stay you deserve. You can count on our help. Honestly you are an integral part of the academic community of our University.

I am also aware that your relatives are worried about you. It's understood since the state of epidemiological risk has just been introduced in Poland which means legitimizing the existing restrictions on relocation within both city and country and partial closing of the country borders. Please contact your family and friends by phone or e-mail as often as possible to calm them down.

If you have any doubts, troubles, worries - I suggest, firstly, looking for answers on our constantly updated site <http://covid19.uni.lodz.pl>. If you don't find the answer there, please contact the committed dormitory staff, or write e-mails to Student and Doctoral Student Service Centre (COSiD).

I encourage you to use University's online courses, in various forms offered in every field of studies, to their full extent Please do not waste these days unproductively.

This epidemic is an unprecedented phenomenon, difficult to understand.

Let us be moderate and reasonable. There is no point in gossiping and exaggerating the threat, either downplaying the potential risks or rejecting the necessary restrictions that are being introduced for our and others' safety.

Sorry for the slightly personal tone of this letter.

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