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Emne: Supplementary information from the Dean's office regarding the semester start.

Dear all,

The Dean's office has asked me to communicate the information below in continuation of the announcement to all students and staff on Friday 7 January 2022.

For the commencement of studies leading up to 1 February 2022, the following applies:

- The commencement of studies will take place with in-person attendance based on assigned teaching groups
- Academic events across these groups (e.g. introductory meetings, introductory lectures etc.) are to be organised so that the assigned teaching groups do not mix unnecessarily, or be converted into online formats
- Social activities in connection with the commencement of studies may take place within the assigned teaching groups, whereas major social events across the year groups will be cancelled/postponed until they may take place in accordance with the restrictions
- Social activities organised by and held at Aarhus University in connection with the commencement of studies are to take place without any parties
 - There must be relevant protective equipment, signs etc. present in the rooms used for these activities, the rooms must be aired out and cleaned in accordance with the authorities' recommendations, and the requirement to wear a face mask and be able to present a valid COVID-19 passport applies during the commencement of studies. Local checks will be carried out as before.

For teaching in spring 2022:

For the rest of January:

- As a general rule, all teaching activities in January are to be conducted based on fixed classes or assigned teaching groups, but at the end of January, a few specific teaching activities related to the spring semester 2022 will take place with in-person attendance due to academic considerations, despite the fact that it will not be possible to conduct these activities based on assigned teaching groups.
For instance, this applies to the first week of classes as of 31 January.

From 1 February:

- Plan A for the commencement of studies: Based on the preliminary announcements, teaching activities are expected to be conducted with in-person attendance from 1 February
- Plan B for the commencement of studies: If as of 1 February, the restrictions are still in place, physical teaching activities will be prioritised in accordance with the authorities' announcements and on the basis of the previous principles for in-person teaching. This means that in-person attendance is prioritised in connection with:
 - Practical teaching (e.g. clinics, workshops, etc.)
 - Class-based teaching which it is possible to conduct within the framework of the existing allocation of rooms
 - Study group activities, supervision, defences, etc.

- All other teaching activities will be converted into online formats (lectures, elective courses, etc.)
- Regardless of plan A or plan B:
 - As a general rule, synchronous teaching is not an option, unless this has already been planned on the basis of pedagogical/didactic considerations related to the course in question.
 - High-risk students may continue to use [the academic assistant scheme](#), if they are prevented from participating in person
 - Student absence for a short period of time due to infection/isolation will be equated with ordinary absence due to illness.

On behalf of the Dean's office,

Med venlig hilsen / Best regards

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