Decision in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic

Background
As of 9 February 2022, the majority of the Covid-19 restrictions decided by the government and the Swedish Public Health Agency will be removed.

The government’s specific order to all public authorities to ensure that all employees who do not need to be at the workplace to maintain necessary activities are to work from home up to and including 14 February continues to apply, as do the Swedish Public Health Agency’s specific recommendations for the unvaccinated.

On the basis of this, the University, starting on 9 February 2022, will implement an adaptation towards activities without Covid-19 restrictions by 21 March 2022. The University must continue to be prepared for the situation to change rapidly depending on infection rates in the community.

Students and staff are urged to stay informed via the websites of the Swedish Public Health Agency and Region Skåne, as well as the University’s Covid-19 web pages on lu.se/corona and lunduniversity.lu.se/corona, which include links to the faculties’ Covid-19 information and to other relevant public authorities.
To provide support for the organisation, there are Guidelines on how to apply decisions regarding education during the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak. There are also Guidelines on managing the work environment and premises.

The University has taken the following decision.

**Decision**

In light of the above, the University has decided that

- starting on 9 February 2022, a gradual adaptation towards activities without Covid-19 restrictions will be implemented. The adaptation is to be completed by 21 March 2022.

The following clarifications apply.

**For education:**

- a gradual adaptation towards activities without Covid-19 restrictions is to be completed by 21 March 2022. This applies to teaching, assessment and associated activities. As clarification, third cycle studies are covered by the same conditions as education. The vice-chancellor tasks the dean of each faculty with deciding in detail how this is to be carried out. This decision cannot be delegated further. The relevant student unions are to be consulted.

- permit changes in approved course and programme syllabi for the 2022 spring semester regarding forms of teaching and assessment of study performance to the extent necessary for compliance with this decision. This means that education is to be conducted in accordance with regular course and programme syllabi from 21 March 2022. The decision on
changes is made by the officer who made the decision on the
course or programme syllabus in question. The decision is to
be documented and the reason for the change is to be stated.
There is to be consultation with the relevant student union.

- carry out education components abroad to the extent that these
are deemed possible to conduct safely based on any travel
restrictions and while taking into consideration the rules,
regulations and recommendations of the receiving country and
higher education institution that relate to the ongoing Covid-19
pandemic.

- receive students from other countries for education at Lund
University to the extent possible while taking into
consideration any travel restrictions.

**For employees:**

- employees who do not need to be at the workplace to maintain
necessary activities are to work from home up to and including
14 February 2022. In this context, necessary activities include
the conducting of teaching, assessment and associated
activities with physical attendance on University premises. The
line manager assesses the possibilities with reference to the
activity and work environment.

- as of 15 February 2022 and until 21 March 2022, a gradual
adaptation towards activities without Covid-19 restrictions will
be implemented. The line manager assesses the possibilities
with reference to the activity and work environment.

- meetings, conferences and other gatherings with physical
attendance may be conducted in accordance with the gradual
adaptation towards activities without restrictions. The same
applies to business trips in Sweden and abroad, and to receiving visits.

**Other:**

- operations aimed at the general public, such as museums, art galleries, shops and parks, must adapt their activities to the rules that follow from the ordinance (2021:8) on special restrictions to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and the Swedish Public Health Agency’s regulations and general advice on special restrictions to prevent the spread of the disease Covid-19, HSLF-FS 2021:87 until the above-mentioned regulations cease to apply.

In any cases where studies or work are negatively impacted by the decision above, the line manager or programme director should be contacted to ensure that work or studies can be conducted in the best possible way.

This decision applies as of 7 February 2022 and replaces the previous decision taken on 14 January 2022 (reg. no STYR 2020/251).

The decision on this matter was taken by the undersigned vice-chancellor in the presence of university director Susanne Kristensson, following a consultation with a representative of the Lund University Student Unions and a presentation by general counsel Annette Nilsson, Legal Division.

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