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PRESS RELEASE

22 students tested positive for COVID-19, 350 students quarantined

- **Over the past week a total of 22 students at the College of Europe in Bruges have been tested positive for COVID-19.**
- **The College of Europe is working together closely with local authorities to monitor the situation.**
- **All students who were in close contact with positive students are themselves being tested and will remain in isolation until they are cleared by a negative test.**
- **Furthermore, as of this weekend all 350 students, across seven student homes, will be quarantined for the next fourteen days.**
- **All college activities will be held online. Students will follow their courses from their rooms and can only leave the student homes to do groceries.**
- **Local police will monitor the quarantine measures and apply strict measures in case of any violations.**

Mayor Dirk De fauw: "The rector of the College of Europe contacted us over the weekend regarding the relevant number of positive cases. On Sunday evening, I convened a meeting of our local crisis task force. Since then, we have been combining forces to monitor the health of the students and keep this local outbreak contained. For the sake of their own health and that of all our citizens, I call on the responsibility of the students at the College of Europe to respect the strict quarantine measures that have been installed. Violations will not be tolerated and will be penalized with an immediate fine of 250 euros."

Rector Federica Mogherini: "For the College of Europe the first and absolute priority is the health and safety of not only all students and staff, but also all citizens of the city that hosts us and that we love so much. We have immediately put in place the strictest precautionary measures to contain the contagion, trace all contacts and test all students, in close and constant cooperation with the Mayor. I am grateful to him and all city services for this excellent cooperation, and to the citizens of Bruges for the way in which they have always welcomed and accompanied the students in their academic year in the city. I am sure our students will show the maximum level of responsibility and respect for the community that hosts us in these difficult circumstances."

For more information: www.brugge.be/coronavirus

www.coleurope.eu/press

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<https://www.coleurope.eu/press-releases>

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