



Dear students,

Given the evolution of epidemiological indicators for COVID-19, on October 25 the Spanish government has declared the State of Alarm in all regions except the Canary Islands. This decision allows the different autonomous regions to impose extraordinary measures in order to control the transmission of the disease.

In this context, the Principality of Asturias has established urgent restrictions on mobility and groups of persons for the protection of human health in the face of a contagion risk, and prevention measures taken on a temporary basis, which were published in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias. These exceptional measures are already in force and will be in place at least until November 7th 2020,

Exceptional measures in the Principality of Asturias:

- (a) **Perimetral lockdowns:** the entry and exit of persons from the territorial area determined by the urban centres of Oviedo, Gijón and Avilés, is limited from until 24 hours on 7 November 2020.

Notwithstanding the above limitation, people will be able to enter and exit the three above-mentioned urban areas for the following reasons:

- To go to health centres, services and establishments.
- Compliance with labor, professional, business or legal obligations.
- **Attendance at university**, teaching and educational centers, including schools of child education. The University of Oviedo Student Card will enable you to travel between cities in order to attend academic activities. The card is available in online format through the University of Oviedo app in your smartphone.
- To return to the place of habitual residence.
- Assistance and care for adults, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or especially vulnerable people.
- To travel to financial and insurance institutions.
- To carry out required or urgent actions before public, judicial or notary bodies. To carry out renewals of permits and official documentation, as well as other non-deferrable administrative procedures.
- To take non-deferrable official examinations or tests.
- Due to force majeure or a situation of need.
- Training and competitions in federated sports activity.
- Any other activity of similar nature, duly accredited.

- (b) **Nighttime mobility restrictions:** a curfew has been established from 23:00h to 06:00h. Only those people who are going to or returning from work, or who travel due to *force majeure*, such as for a medical emergency or to care for a dependent person, will be allowed to be out.

- (c) **Social restrictions:** social gatherings are restricted to a maximum of 6 people, except for people living together.



Please, be mindful of any communication which might be sent from your School regarding possible changes in their teaching modalities. Also, be attentive to any potential new measures emanating from University (check the COVID19 section on the webpage at <https://www.uniovi.es/comunicacion/coronavirus/noticias>), regional or national authorities in order to prevent the uncontrolled spread of the disease.

We will keep you informed of any developments regarding the situation and remain available for any further information.

Take good care of yourself.

Kind regards,

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