

Dear students of Delft,

We, the boards of the student associations in Delft, want to notice something very important to you. The number of corona infections has been very high for the last few weeks. At the moment, Delft is one of the most infected areas of the Netherlands. Test results and contact research showed that, if we keep on acting as we are doing right now (students in particular), we can't prevent even more infections. Right now **80% of the infected people in Delft is considered a student, and the amount of infected people in Delft doubles every 7 days**. If we don't do anything now, there is a big chance that Delft will experience a **local lockdown**. Which means, we will have to stay at home for weeks again.

Hence this warning call to all students in Delft: **Take your responsibility considering the coronavirus and prevent a local lockdown!** This responsibility will have to take place in a private environment. At the moment the infections mostly take place within student housing; infecting your housemates, or meeting within houses, without taking care of appropriate distances.

There are different ways to take this responsibility. Get tested if you experience symptoms, even if they are mild. Mild symptoms include having a cold or a runny nose. Don't hesitate to contact the GGD (the public health service), and don't wait to get yourself tested. You can get an appointment either by calling **0800-1202** or via the website www.coronatest.nl. After the test you will have to stay at home until you receive your test result. If anyone in your direct environment (for example your housemate) experiences symptoms, **you will stay at home** if the symptoms include fever or shortness of breath. You will wait until this person has received his/her test results. If the test results are negative and no one experiences symptoms, no precautions have to be taken. But if the test results are positive, you, as a housemate, should go into quarantine. Only get yourself tested if you experience corona symptoms as well, or if you develop corona symptoms during your quarantine-period. If you don't experience any symptoms yourself, the quarantine should last 10 days after your last unprotected contact with your infected housemate. **For more information about corona within households, review <https://lci.rivm.nl/informatiebriefhuisgenootthuis>**

At the moment, there is a close collaboration between the student associations of Delft, the TU Delft, the municipality of Delft and the GGD to see which steps should be taken to prevent a local lockdown. These organisations/institutions have expressed their trust in students to take on this issue, which brings us a big responsibility.

That's why it is really important to take our responsibility now. Since the virus is spreading at such a high rate, there is no time to wait and we have to act now.

Besides the fact that we don't want to experience a local lockdown, this is also a great opportunity to show that students have a responsible role in society. The boards of the student associations of Delft believe that you, as a student of Delft, will take control of the situation. The amount of contacts and thereby infections should go down. It's 5 to 12 (which is a Dutch expression). It's not too late but we are running out of time.

Kind regards,

Delft's student associations