

Update on the Covid-19 epidemic, 10 September 2020

Our campus reopened on 24 August, welcoming its 33,000 students, teachers, and employees in accordance with the most recent guidelines of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation (MESRI) and the Regional Health Agency (ARS). The *Université Catholique de Lille* has implemented a very strict protocol to ensure compliance with health measures, including:

- systematic application of barrier gestures
- compulsory mask wearing
- physical distancing
- designation of specific Covid contacts in the various units, with central coordination

UCLille's Polyvalent University Health Center (CPSU-ALL Santé) has set up not only a screening and monitoring centre, operating in close connection with the regional health agency (ARS), but also a specialized laboratory. Early diagnosis of new cases of Covid-19, along with swift identification of contacts, makes it possible to break the chain of contamination quickly, and to guarantee the safety of the entire university community.

Positive cases have proliferated in two training courses, namely the first cycle of the Faculty of Medicine and Midwifery and the fourth year of HEI. On the recommendation of the CPSU and in connection with the ARS, the establishments concerned have thus decided to activate MESRI's level 3 response. As a result, all face-to-face teaching activity is suspended and access to the campus is no longer authorized for students in the fields concerned until the week of 21 September 2020. During this period, classes will be offered at a distance.

The *UCLille* Presidency warns that almost all these positive cases are due to non-compliance with safety instructions off campus, during festive gatherings or private events. Each and every one of us must act responsibly, and actively fight against the spread of the epidemic.