



Conselho Coordenador  
dos Institutos Politécnicos

## Announcement

The Coordinating Council of Higher Polytechnic Institutes (CCISP) has been monitoring closely the developments in relation to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) in Portugal.

Members of the CCISP have their contingency plan in place by applying all necessary measures to deal with the situations identified, properly articulated with the competent health authorities.

According to competent health authorities, there are no public health reasons that justify the closure of higher education institutions facilities. The CCISP awaits the results of the meeting between the government and the National Public Health Council scheduled for March 11, and will act in accordance with the guidelines resulting from it.

The decisions of top leaders of HEIs are based on the best evidence available, on case-to-case analysis of the risks and the guidelines of the General Health Directorate (DGS) and local health authorities, taking into account their social responsibility.

The CCISP calls for all academic communities to maintain serenity and confidence in decisions, always in the best interest of their communities and in defense of the legitimate rights of the academic community.

The CCISP also expresses its full confidence in the decisions of health authorities and advises that the entire academic community follows the recommendations by the competent authorities and contingency plans, fulfilling essential hygiene rules and social distancing defined by national and international authorities regarding the containment of COVID19.

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