Dear Students, dear Colleagues,

Given the increase of the infections and the worsening of the situation in Milano and Lombardy, I would like to inform you on what is happening inside our University and in the Politecnico community.

First of all, let me assure you that the monitoring unit has been meeting regularly in the past weeks to evaluate the effectiveness of the Covid-19 protocols defined, analysing and introducing all the necessary corrective measures to tailor them to the evolution of the situation. The Schools, the Prevention and Protection Unit and the Reference COVID-19 contact person are working tirelessly to manage the situations we are facing.

At this time, we have identified about thirty positive cases in the University, individual situations and in no way related to outbreaks. These cases have been monitored in agreement with the ATS (local health agency), with which we are in constant contact. The most important aspect, however, and I would like to stress it, is that to the best of our knowledge none of them raises any clinical concern.
We also emphasize the importance of communicating promptly any confirmed case of positive swab you become aware of to the Prevention and Protection Unit at the mail address sicurezza-spp@polimi.it, indicating the personal data of the infected person.

We are aware that with the arrival of winter and the second wave of infections, the next months will be difficult. We understand the state of uncertainty, the doubt and difficulties everyone is experiencing. We need caution in behaviour and common sense in the management of choices.

Finally, also following today's meetings among expert and decision-makers, let me reassure you that we are in constant contact with the Ministry, the authorities of the Region, the city of Milano and the Prefecture, as well as with the rectors of other universities. As soon as further information and new indications will be available after the institutional meetings planned this week end, I shall inform you immediately.

Best regards,

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