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OWEE and Corona

Dear Delft Students,

Soon it will be the week of the traditional OWEE event. This year it will take a different shape from what you are used to. Although not everything is permitted, the measures we have taken will allow you plenty of room.

The Corona virus is not gone. This appears from news issued by the Municipal Health Service (GGD) about several local outbreaks. So I make an urgent appeal on your notion of responsibility and common sense. For all activities there is the requirement to observe a 1.5-metre distance between each other. Wash your hands frequently. Any complaints? In that case: stay at home, do not participate in any event and take a test.

Help us pass this appeal on to other students. You can do this by spreading this letter among the members of your student association and by posting it up in student homes.

#### **Observe the rules during OWEE**

The 2020 Delft OWEE will be organised in an adapted variant. The organisational committee must see to it that rules (contained in the emergency order) are observed in order to prevent the Corona virus from spreading. This means that the minimum distance between all OWEE participants must always be 1.5 metres and that measures regarding public hygiene are in force. Delft council will also watch closely if the room allowed to the physical components of the programme is sufficient. In this way we can organise a safe OWEE.

#### **Consider other ways of introduction to your student home**

This is the week for new students to get acquainted with the TU Delft and student associations. Students will also get to know the many student homes in Delft and will be looking for accommodation. But mind you: most infections and contagions occur inside families and (student) households. Also, in past weeks the virus more often passed on between friends and relatives.

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We also find more infections taking place at parties and in pubs and workplaces. Aged between 20 and 40, the group of infected people in the Netherlands is relatively young.

It is now of crucial importance to remain watchful and on the alert. It is very unwise to organise a house party in the present conditions and to invite new students originating from places all over the country and foreign countries. It involves a great risk of contamination. So I appeal on you to consider alternative ways of introduction to your student home. Use your creativity!

#### **Interior and exterior rules: what's the situation like?**

Residents of a student home are considered as belonging to a household when indoors. So they need not observe a distance between them inside their student home. But visitors must always keep a minimum distance of 1.5 metres between themselves and the residents of the student home.

Outside, everyone is equal. Students as well as newcomers must always observe a distance between them when outside. If a get-together results in disturbance or a public health risk, measures may be enforced and severe penalties and fines may be given to all persons involved.

#### **The rules apply to everyone**

- Always observe a 1.5-metre distance
- Stay at home if you have complaints and take a test
- Wash your hands frequently

#### **I am counting on you**

In time to come the rules may change. So follow the news and observe the prescribed measures. And this is not only in your own interest. We want to prevent a second Corona spike making even more victims and paralysing our society and economy again. So I am counting on all of you. Only together will we be able to control Corona.

Last not least: of course I wish all of you a memorable OWee!

Best regards,



Marja van Bijsterveldt,  
Mayor of Delft