

## Følgende informasjon er sendt ut sendt alle våre forbindelser i land vi utveksler med.

We would like to give you an orientation about the Corona Virus situation in Norway. As from today, all kindergarten, schools at all levels and universities will be closed until after Easter holiday. Furthermore, all cultural and sports events are cancelled in the same period of time. Norwegian Authorities are taking the situation with the utmost severity, and will keep doing so to reduce the risk of the virus spreading as much as whatsoever possible.

So all restrictions are precautions to reduce risk of spreading to an absolute minimum.

By today, we have in Norway 720 persons registered with the virus, but luckily none dead so far. Most of these persons came from tours outside Norway.

The message from Norwegian Prime Minister at the press conference today was:

Norway will be closed for the next 14 days. Until Thursday 26 March, all schools and universities are to close, bars and restaurants will not be permitted to open, many businesses will be forced to close their doors, and anyone who has travelled outside the Nordic countries faces a compulsory 14-day home quarantine.

We have in Multi District Norway for Rotary Youth Exchange discussed the situation thoroughly. The conclusion is that the forthcoming events for the next weeks are cancelled and travelling is restricted.

Essentially we are asking that our students stay and finish their exchange but if the parents are insistent that they return then we have no choice. We trust that clubs and districts will take care of your students just as we are sure that you will do your very best to take care of our students.

We are following the situation closely, and if any changes should occur, we will act accordingly. Please be assured that we in Norway will do our utmost to secure safety and health to all youths in our care.

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