Pavia, February 27, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

I gladly inform you that the vaccination campaign will be launched in our university. It begins with the teaching, technical, administrative, and linguistic experts, born after 1 January 1956, as indicated by the Lombardy Region. The AstriZeneca vaccine will be administered. Subsequently, we will proceed with fellows and Ph.D. students. I guarantee a similar commitment for employees born before January 1, 1956, even if this will require the availability of other vaccines.

A survey will be launched on Monday, March 1st to verify everyone’s willingness to undergo vaccination. We will provide the list to the Health Protection Agency (ATS) of Pavia and to the San Matteo Polyclinic. Everyone willing to be vaccinated will be contacted and summoned for the administration of the vaccine. I thank both ATS Pavia and San Matteo for their support, but also our doctors in specialist training who will provide a precious collaboration.

Please be extremely prompt in indicating your willingness to be vaccinated or not. It is a necessary step, which I live with joy, to return to the normality of academic and personal life.

I take this opportunity to confirm that the second semester starts in blended mode. It will be my responsibility to convene the crisis unit consistently to monitor the pandemic scrupulously.

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