GUIDANCE, RECEPTION PERIOD AUTUMN 2020

Summary of guidance regarding the reception period at LiU 2020.

Due to the spread of covid-19 a number of restrictions have been introduced. The Swedish government has decided to ban all public gatherings with more than 50 people. Also, restaurants and bars are subject to specific regulations to avoid crowding. Even though the university returns to campus, caution and responsibility must be taken throughout the ongoing pandemic.

The introduction of new students is very important but must be adapted to prevailing circumstances. Limiting groups and keeping distance is crucial even though it seems to contradict the purpose of the reception.

- All gatherings during the introduction weeks should be held with less than 50 participants (all present persons included).
- The group constellation should be the same as the groups in school as far as possible.
- The groups should be the same throughout the reception period to avoid the number of persons you meet.
- At all gatherings and events, measures should be taken to reduce the risk of infection. A model for assessing and addressing potential risks is available at the Public Health Agency’s webpage (in Swedish).
- In order to introduce the new students to academic studies LiU recommends consultation with the faculty.
- Invite new students to a city tour and a campus tour.
- LiU recommends that one event is held at a restaurant or pub.
- Another three events can be held to help the new students to get to know each other. These should be non-alcoholic.
- Create and monitor social media to facilitate contact with each other.
- Include digital features in the introduction since this will make it accessible to persons who choose not to participate in gatherings. It will also be helpful in case of the return of distance mode.

Please contact the student union for further information.

Some general information can be found here: https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-health-agency-of-sweden/communicable-disease-control/covid-19/