



Città di Fermo



Unesco learning cities respond to COVID-19 Webinar

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Covid-19 in Italy, Marche Region and Fermo

data updated on 18.3.2020

- Total number of positive cases In Italy: 35.713
- Total number of dead patients: 2.978
- Total number of recovered people: 4.025
- Marche Region: **Positive 1568**, Dead 92, **Recovered 39**
- City of Fermo: **Positive 46**, Dead 6, **Recovered (?)**
- Education activities suspended till 2.4.2020 (to be revised)

School population in Fermo

- Around 9.448 students including primary, secondary and tertiary level.
- Most of secondary level schools have activated on line teaching modalities (age 6/18) and all higher education institutions (18+) are delivering alternative lessons on line.
- A quick and sample survey on the state of the art was conducted yesterday and it involved about 47% of school population.
- Most of the schools adopted a wide range of popular on line teaching tools (Google Meeti, Zoom, Microsoft Teams). But National Ministry of Education is going to implement a centralized platform

A sample survey about on line teaching

- The survey was based on questionnaires filled out by school managers of 6 educational institutions and refers to 4.440 students and 614 teachers.
- **A potential 96% of students is reached by on line teaching and other forms of distance learning**
- **About 83% of teachers are actively involved in distance learning**
- We have a few data regarding primary schools but the overall impression is that these institutions are facing more difficulties in organizing alternative on line learning activities
- On line awardings of university diplomas are replacing traditional ceremonies in presence.

Measures implemented by the city of Fermo

- Free access for all students and citizens to the online repository of newspapers, magazines and e-books made available by the local city library.
- information campaign with recommendations on individual behaviors to prevent the spread of the epidemic (messages published on municipality web site and on social media)
- spoken messages spread out in the city by public cars reminding the population of staying at home unless for buying food and medicines
- daily disinfection and sanitization of public streets

What the Unesco GNLC could do?

- This is the right time to ask ourselves what we could do through the GNLC to contrast the threat of the virus and prepare a better restarting for the whole world after this epocal crisis.
- Whatever the answer, I'm sure that lifelong learning will be part of it

3 practical proposals

Ask UIL to negotiate with providers of on line platforms for distance learning a free access, or an access based on a small fee, for all educational institutions of member cities.

Create a cluster of cities on «coronavirus pandemy» to exchange information and policies

Prepare and deliver on line tutorials and «case stories» on best exploitations of on line platforms



“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.”

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin