

**Dear colleagues at all departments at KI South;
BioNut, CLINTEC, DentMed, Unitand, KI SÖS; LabMed, MedH, NVS**

This spring has been tough. I suspect no one could have anticipated the force and the changes the corona pandemic has brought to our society and how it has impacted us all both at work and in our private lives.

Karolinska Institutet is always a dynamic place to work at with lots of things happening but this has been unprecedented. And you have all stepped up to the challenges and all in your different capacities done what needed to be done!

All teachers and educational administrators have done a wonderful job digitalizing the different programs and courses where possible and also in good collaboration with the regions and the municipalities been able to maintain most of the students' clinical training.

Many researchers have done what's possible from home and also performed experimental research in the lab while maintaining the different restrictions.

Many clinical researchers and others have put their research on hold and worked in the hospitals, in primary care and in elderly care.

Every department has really done its utmost to deal and manage the situation and I am proud of the strength, resilience and hard work you all have performed.

Everybody has chipped in and I would like to thank you a million for all your efforts!

This has meant that we have been able to keep up a lot of our activities at KI although adapted to the situation. At least there has been some good things with the pandemic: for example the ties between the departments at KI South have been strengthened and the digitalization of meetings and education which we have talked about for a long time is now actually in place.

Hopefully things will slowly get back to a more normal situation during the fall. You find information on the [KI web](#).

It will be a summer like no other since it is still of great important to follow the restrictions, to limit the spreading of the disease.

Having said that, you all well deserve a relaxing summer vacation to charge your batteries. Wishing you a happy Midsummer and a nice summer!

Looking forward to working with you again in the fall.



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