



Guarantor: Rector's Office

Košice 15. 03. 2021
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**Rector's Order No. 06/2021
to clarify the implementation of teaching and implementation of work activities in the
period from March 22, 2021 at UPJŠ in Košice**

In accordance with the provisions of par. 15 of Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, and in connection with Art. 4 par. 3 of the Organizational Rules of UPJŠ in Košice, as amended, in connection with the **Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic no. 137/2021 of March 12, 2021 and with the effect of the Covid automat** (hereinafter referred to as the Government Resolution) and the current measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic I hereby issue the following

order.

1. From the effective date of this order at UPJŠ in Košice (hereinafter referred to as "UPJŠ"), the declared emergency regime remains in force and all orders for the implementation of teaching and work activities from RO 03/2021 remain in force until March 22, 2021.
2. The recommendation remains that creative employees effectively alternate between "homeoffice" and "workplace" work. The aim is to achieve the required quality of online / full-time teaching as well as to maintain the continuity of scientific and project activities. Effective work performance in the form of a combination of "home office" and in the workplace is also required for all other categories of employees. Employees can be present at university workplaces only if they participate in regular testing at time intervals according to the Covid automat. I recommend to senior staff, due to the current unfavorable state of the Covid automat, to plan the prevailing normal regime of operation of workplaces **from April 6, 2021.**

Deadline: in text
Responsible: in text

3. I entrust the members of the UPJŠ management, deans of faculties, directors of university workplaces, Bursar, Head of the Operations Department of the R UPJŠ and faculty secretaries to ensure this regime of the university until further notice. I demand an emphasis on compliance with anti-epidemiological measures in the university premises.

Deadline: in text
Responsible: in text

4. Mandatory registration of foreign persons coming to the UPJŠ buildings remains in force after March 22, 2021. I allow the entry of employees, students and foreign persons only with a valid negative test result in accordance with the regulations of the Covid automat.

Deadline: immediate and permanent
Responsible: senior staff

5. I allow the full-time performance of the work of the management of organizational units of the university as well as all self-governing bodies of the university in accordance with RO 03/2021 para. 5-7.

6. I allow the conduct of selection procedures in accordance with RO 02/2021 par. 11.

Deadline: in text
Responsible: deans

7. **Full-time activity of the University Library of UPJŠ workplaces is possible from March 22, 2021 depending on the regulations of Covid automat and according to the instructions of the director of University Library.** Entry to workplaces of the University Library is only possible with a valid negative test result in accordance with the regulations of the Covid automat.

Deadline: in text
Responsible: director of University Library

8. **March 22, 2021 I repeal the ban on accommodation in Student Dormitories of UPJŠ for students who participate in full-time teaching.** For the accommodation of students, I order the elaboration of a regulation stipulating sanctions for its violation, which will prevent students from meeting in the dormitory and ensure the control of its observance and the imposition of sanctions. Accommodation of students is possible only after proving a negative result of the RT-PCR test or antigen test at least in the frequency, as required by the valid Covid automat.

Deadline: in text
Responsible: director of Student Dormitories and Canteens

9. It remains possible to order meals and packaged meals for individual consumption outside the meal dispensing area. If the epidemiological situation allows the normal regime of workplaces from **April 1, 2021**, the support of meals in the form of meal vouchers to employees who will work in the "home office" regime will end. However, faculties may grant an exemption in justified cases. **I allow the meal consumption in the facilities of Student Canteens, in compliance with the required hygienic standards, from April 6, 2021 at the earliest.**

Deadline: in text
Responsible: director of Student Dormitories and Canteens and Head of Student Canteens

10. Employees who are subject to the obligation of quarantine or isolation are obliged to notify the relevant senior staff and the personnel department and at the same time agree with the senior staff on how to carry out their work duties from home. If the employee will not be able to be available to the employer to perform his work activities in full, the employer will justify the employee's absence during his personal obstacle at work, which is a quarantine measure or isolation, if recognized by a doctor on sick or leave to take care for a family member, or allow him to take leave or unpaid leave.

Deadline: in text
Responsible: in text

11. Teaching in SS 2020/21 from March 22, 2021 will be implemented as follows:

- a. Lectures, seminars and other forms of educational activities only by the distance method until further notice, with the exception mentioned under letter b.
- b. From March 22, 2021 the full-time teaching of students from the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Science in practical subjects is allowed in the study programs specified by the deans. I recommend to deans, due to the current unfavorable state of the Covid automat, to plan full-time forms of teaching mostly **from April 6, 2021**.
- c. All final theses of 1st grade, 2nd grade students and the combined 1st and 2nd grade students will be prepared and submitted for opposition in electronic form.

Responsible: deans

12. Deans of the faculties will update the study programs and their subjects, which will be implemented in person from March 22 2021 resp. April 6, 2021, no later than March 22, 2021. They will also report the number of students who will take part in regular testing at intervals in accordance with the Covid automat.

Deadline: in text

Responsible: in text

13. For the implementation of practical training in relevant practical subjects, I order:

- a. wearing of masks resp. respirators and other personal protective equipment should be carried out in accordance with the currently valid decrees and measures of the Public Health Authority; when entering the place of practical teaching, wearing of masks is obligatory for students, while they are also obliged to have their own masks,
- b. with regard on the specific nature of practical training at selected places of practical training, other personal protective equipment may be required and this requirement must be respected by the students; in contact with persons, only the respirator type FFP 2 or respirator type FFP 3 is accepted,
- c. strictly observe increased hand hygiene (frequent washing and hand sanitising),
- d. consistently apply adequate professional behavioral patterns due to the high risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (observe the operating rules of the relevant workplace, including anti-epidemic measures),
- e. performance of practical training in standard conditions of practice should be carried out only for the necessary possible duration and only if it is not possible to simulate in laboratory or training areas,
- f. students' participation in practical training is possible only with a negative result of the RT-PCR test or antigen test at least in the frequency required for the employees of the workplace, (resp. according to the current measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic in connection with vaccination and testing after overcoming COVID).
- g. if the student develops symptoms of acute respiratory disease or comes into contact with a person tested positive for COVID-19, I order to proceed in accordance with the guidelines of the Decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, which prescribes measures in case of endangering public health to isolate persons positive for COVID-19 and quarantine persons who have come into close contact with a person positive for COVID-19.

14. University will professionally and organizationally organize **screening testing of its employees and students by antigen tests. **Testing schedule will be specified at least one week in advance.****

Responsible: Bursar

Final provisions

1. This order enters into force on March 17, 2021.
2. **In case of an unexpectedly worsened epidemiological situation in the period up to April 6, 2021, I reserve the right to revoke the validity of this order and put RO 03/2021 into effect again.**
3. Employees will be informed about the obligations arising from this order by the senior staff.

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Rector of UPJŠ