

The necessary steps that students need to follow upon their arrival to the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (UPJŠ)

1. Students from high-risk countries according to the list of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (<https://www.mzv.sk/web/en/covid-19>), who stayed in high-risk countries in the last 14 days and foreign students from other countries who stayed in high-risk countries for the last 14 days

The student is obliged to notify the study department of the faculty/institute and the management of the Student Hostel and Canteen about his/her arrival in Slovakia well in advance. Subsequently, the management will determine the exact date of his/her entry into the accommodation facility for him/her, and his/her entry into the UPJŠ quarantine facility, which he/she is obliged to follow. For the purposes of further communication, the student will have to provide his/her mobile phone number and e-mail address. Subsequently, he is assigned a date of arrival at UPJŠ and a quarantine boarding facility in which he/she completes the quarantine. The places for quarantine determined by the Student Hostel and Canteen of UPJŠ are the following: Popradská 66, accommodation facility Kosmalt, Kysucká 16, Košice and accommodation facility Pražská 2, Košice.

Before arriving in Slovakia the student is obliged to take the RT PCR SARS COV-2 test in his/her home country. After arriving in Slovakia and crossing the state border, he/she is obliged to register on the website of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, where he/she will fill in a questionnaire for a stay in quarantine - <https://korona.gov.sk/en/ehranica/>.

Upon arrival at the quarantine facility, the student will receive the keys to the quarantine room at the information desk of the accommodation facility. During the quarantine the student cannot leave the closed quarantine areas except for a necessary medical treatment, which he/she will have to announce via the following telephone number: +421 948 283 203. Meals can be ensured individually by a delivery service or via an agreement with the Student Hostel and Canteen of UPJŠ (only at Popradská 66).

In case of any health issues - especially in case of upper respiratory tract infections, fevers, taste and smell disorders, headaches, digestive problems, contact the UPJŠ infoline: +421 948 283 203 or send an e-mail: corona-virus@upjs.sk. The length of quarantine in the accommodation facility is determined for at least 5 days. If the student has individual accommodation, he/she stays in quarantine, if possible, at his/her temporary accommodation, but only if the conditions comply with the quarantine measures. The length of quarantine is determined for at least 5 days. After 5 days at the earliest a repeated RT PCR SARS COV-2 testing is performed in the laboratory of Medirex, a.s or in the laboratory of the Faculty of Medicine UPJŠ (international students of the Faculty of Medicine UPJŠ - according to the schedule). The RT PCR SARS COV-2 testing is free of charge for the students of UPJŠ. The place and time of the testing will be announced to the student via his/her contact details. Transport will be provided by the UPJŠ. If more than 20 RT PCR SARS COV-2 testings are planned for one day, the testing may be performed at the site of the quarantine facility by the employees of the Medirex a.s. Students of the Faculty of Medicine UPJŠ will be tested according to the instructions at the mobile collection point at UNLP at Rastislavova 43 in Košice. After the RT PCR testing, the student will receive the test result from the laboratory to his/her mobile phone, and it can also be sent to the contact email, which he/she provided. The student must keep the result of the test in his/her mobile phone, while the negative test result will have to be presented upon arrival at any UPJŠ workplace, including the study department and also to the teachers of individual courses.

In case of a positive RT PCR SARS COV-2 test, the student remains in quarantine, while on the basis of his/ her health condition, he/she is assigned further medical procedure, which the student is obliged to follow.

2. Slovak students who have stayed in high-risk countries for the last 14 days

After arriving in Slovakia and crossing the state border, he/she is obliged to register on the website of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, where he/she will fill in a questionnaire for a stay in quarantine - <https://korona.gov.sk/en/ehranica/>. If possible, the student stays in quarantine for at least 5 days at home, while after 5 days at the earliest the RT PCR SARS COV-2 testing will have to be ensured at the place of residence (or at another designated place). The student will have to announce this fact, after entering the territory of the Slovak Republic, to the study department of the relevant faculty/ institute. After the RT PCR SARS COV-2 testing, the negative results will have to be presented to the study department of the relevant faculty/institute and to the teachers of the individual courses.

In case of the results of the RT PCR SARS COV-2 tests are positive, the student remains in quarantine, while on the basis of his/her health condition, he/she is assigned further medical procedure, which the student is obliged to follow.

3. Foreign students from other countries that are not marked as high-risk

It is not necessary to perform the RT-PCR test before the arrival in Slovakia, unless the internal regulations of the relevant faculties state otherwise. All foreign students of the Faculty of Medicine UPJŠ are obliged to take the RT PCR SARS COV-2 test before the start of the teaching period. However, the RT PCR SARS COV-2 test is also recommended for foreign students of other UPJŠ faculties, especially if the student resides in an area with a higher rate of COVID-19 in a given country (in a risk area/region of a given country). If the student develops symptoms - especially upper respiratory tract infections, fevers, taste and smell disorders, headaches, digestive problems, he/she is obliged to call the UPJŠ infoline: +421 948 283 203 or to send an e-mail to corona-virus@upjs.sk, and then follow the instructions he/she receives. If quarantine is required, it will be ensured under the same conditions as stated in point 1.

Detailed information on the testing procedure of foreign students of the Faculty of Medicine UPJŠ, which are necessary due to the specificity of the study, which is related to the visits of medical facilities are listed on the website of the Faculty of Medicine UPJŠ - <https://www.upjs.sk/public/media/23463/COVID-19%20testing%20guidelines%20AY%202020-21.pdf>.