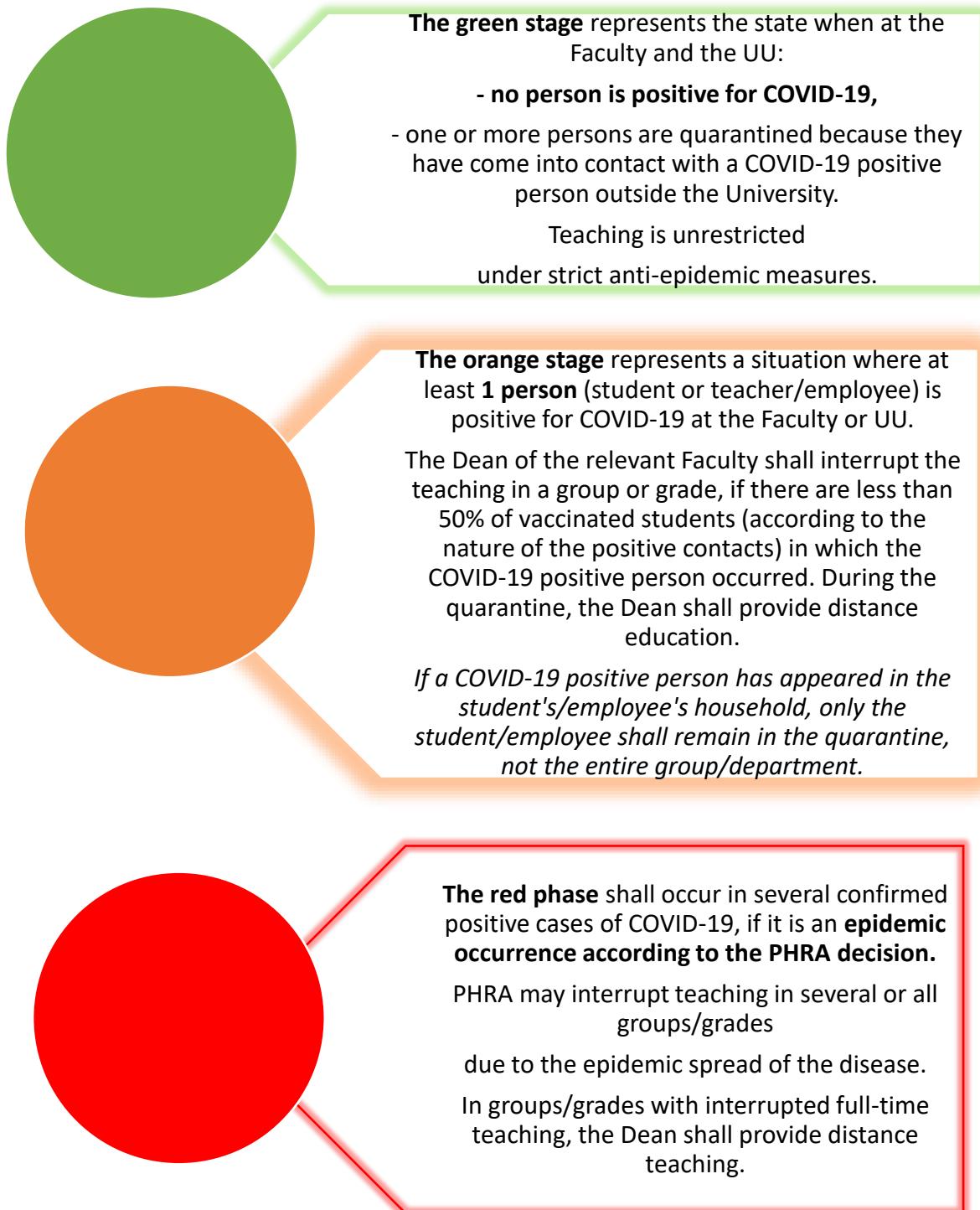


Covid SIGNAL LIGHTS at UPJŠ in Košice

UPJŠ SIGNAL LIGHTS is conceived as a warning system taking into account the current epidemiological situation in the districts of Košice I - IV, at the University and its units, similarly to the school signal lights of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research, and Sport of the SR. It is defined at three levels - the **green**, **orange**, and **red** as per **Diagram 1**:



Teaching in the WS will be combined with an emphasis on full-time teaching. On the basis of the Rector's Order No. 9/2021, the Faculty Deans will decide which forms of teaching will be implemented online and which in person, and on the basis of this decision they will adjust the timetable. Full-time teaching will be governed by this Covid Signal Lights.

The currently valid colour of the Covid Traffic Lights at UPJŠ is determined by the colour of the Districts of Košice I - IV according to the valid Covid map given by the PHA SR (www.korona.gov.sk).

The instructions for full-time teaching follow the "VTO" model (vaccination, testing, overcoming). The condition for students' participation in the full-time form of teaching is that they must meet the criteria of at least one of the following groups:

1. vaccinated person,
2. a person with a certificate of completion of the test (PCR/antigen test),
3. a person with a confirmation of COVID-19 disease overcome (after overcoming the disease which was diagnosed by RT-PCR test in the period not longer than 180 days).

Definition of a fully vaccinated person:

- At least 14 days and at most 12 months after the second dose of the two-dose vaccine.
- At least 21 days and at most 12 months after a single dose vaccine.
- Not less than 14 days and not more than 12 months after the first dose of the vaccine if administered within 180 days of the onset of COVID-19.

Table 1: Implementation of the VTO principles and by colour of Košice Districts I - IV.

	Green	Orange	Red	Burgundy	Black
Mandatory airway cover in UPJŠ premises	mandatory mask	mandatory mask	mandatory respirator FFP2	mandatory respirator FFP2	mandatory respirator FFP2
Recognition of tests PCR and LAMP / antigen	max. 7 days	max. 7 days	max. 72 / 48 hours.	max. 72 / 48 hours.	max. 72 / 48 hours
Lectures	full-time or distance	full-time or distance	full-time or distance	distance	distance
Seminars and exercises in theoretical and preclinical subjects	full-time	full-time	full-time	full-time (up to 20 persons)	distance
Exercises in clinical subjects	full-time	full-time	full-time	full-time (up to 5 persons)	full-time (up to 5 persons)
Exams	full-time	full-time	full-time	full-time (up to 20 persons)	full-time (up to 5 persons) or distance

In the UPJŠ three-colour Signal Lights according to Diagram 1, **orange** colour corresponds to **orange** and **red** colours in Table 1, and **red** in Diagram 1 corresponds to **burgundy** and **black** in Table 1.

In the event of infection or close contact, the following principles shall be observed:

- If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she shall immediately notify all the persons with whom he or she has been in close contact two days prior to the onset of clinical symptoms of an asymptomatic course of infection, two days prior to testing for COVID-19.
- The student shall also be obliged to report this fact to the study assistant, the employee shall do the same to his/her immediate superior.
- Students/staff with confirmed COVID - 19 shall suspend their attendance at the University.
- Persons in close contact with a positively tested person shall be quarantined by the RPHA. To expedite the administration associated with the granting of quarantine, the Dean's Office shall provide a list of students of the group concerned or that of the employees.
- The Dean's Offices of the Faculties shall communicate with the authorised persons from the Regional Public Health Authority and shall follow their instructions.
- Students or staff suspected of being infected by COVID-19 (who have been in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19) shall be ordered a quarantine by a Regional Public Health Authority or a general practitioner. The quarantined persons shall report the following fact: the student to the study clerk, the employee to his/her immediate superior.
- In the event of a person with a confirmed COVID-19 infection, the University and its components shall provide full cooperation to the Regional Public Health Authority and the general practitioner.
- On the effective date of the UPJŠ Signal Lights, the quarantine shall be ordered for 14 days. The quarantine may be terminated if the result of the PCR test performed on day 8 since the last contact with the patient is negative.

The quarantine obligation after close contact shall not apply to a person who is:

- a) at least 14 days after the application of the 2nd dose of vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Sputnik V),
- b) at least 21 days after the administration of the 1st dose of vaccine (Johnson & Johnson),
- c) at least 14 days after the 1st dose of the vaccine, if the first dose of vaccination was administered within 180 days of the onset of COVID-19, or
- d) after overcoming COVID-19 within a period not exceeding 180 days

and does not manifest any clinical symptoms of COVID-19.

If a student or employee complies with the quarantine exception, the student shall inform the study officer, an employee of his/her superior.

After the quarantine:

- If there are more than 50% of students in the group (grade) exempted from the quarantine, full-time teaching shall continue, the students in the quarantine shall be excused due to illness.
- If there are less than 50% of students in the group (grade) exempted from the quarantine, the full-time teaching shall be interrupted and distance learning shall be provided for the duration of the quarantine.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Teachers (with the exception of teachers and medical staff at the Faculty of Medicine) do not have the **right and obligation to control**, i.e. requesting a certificate of vaccination, overcoming the disease or valid testing in accordance with the above Covid Signal Lights, but **this requirement on the UPJŠ campus is considered to be mutually justified and is respected on the basis of joint responsibility for collective security**. Disciplinary proceedings will be instituted against persons who are found not to have complied with the VTO principles and to have caused the spread of the disease as a result of the non-compliance with the VTO principles. **Teachers and students who do not meet the VTO criteria cannot attend full-time teaching.**

The procedure for employees at units, depending on the colour of the UPJŠ Signal Lights given by Diagram 1, will be determined by the internal guidelines of the Rector of the University.

Vaccination: UPJŠ encourages its staff and students who have not yet been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible. Vaccination is available at the LPUH Vaccination Centre at Rastislavova Street for Slovak and international students. **Vaccination was organized by UPJŠ on 03 September 2021. After this deadline, employees and students provide it on their own.**

Testing: Testing is available at sampling points in the Košice Region, as well as sampling points at the LPUH in Košice ([Bezplatne-AG-testy-v-KE-kraji.pdf \(minv.sk\)](https://www.health.gov.sk/?ag-mom); <https://www.ruvzke.sk/sk/mom>). **Testing is not organized, implemented, or paid for by UPJŠ, employees and students shall provide it and pay for it on their own.**

UPJŠ hereby reserves its right to make changes to this Signal Lights procedure in the event of the introduction of new measures issued by the competent authorities of the Slovak Republic or if the epidemic situation so requires.