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### **RECTOR'S DIRECTIVE No. 9/2020**

With regard to the current epidemiological situation and the recommendation of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to comply with anti-epidemic measures and recommendations

**I hereby stipulate  
the following conditions of the teaching process and operation at the University of Veterinary  
Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice for the academic year 2020/2021.**

1. I am setting up a Permanent Monitoring and Coordination Council as part of the crisis staff, whose task is to monitor the epidemiological situation, manage and propose measures at the UVMP in Košice. (Annex No. 1)
2. I put into effect the alert system and recommendations manual at three levels - green, orange and red. (Annex No. 2)
  - **Green phase** represents a situation where UVMP in Košice does not have a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 disease.
  - **Orange phase** represents a situation where UVMP in Košice has a student or employee with a suspected COVID-19 disease.
  - **Red phase** contains a list of measures in case of several confirmed cases of COVID-19 in students or employees.
3. The Permanent Monitoring and Coordination Council of UVMP in Košice uses the alert system based on evaluation of the epidemiological situation, or in accordance with the decisions of the competent authorities (especially Regional Public Health Care Authority of the Slovak Republic and Public Health Care Authority of the Slovak Republic).
4. Recommendations and measures in individual phases also apply to all other legal entities operating in the premises of UVMP in Košice.
5. I oblige all senior employees to actively inform all UVMP employees and students about the measures which are implemented in order to ensure a safe environment and minimize the risk of infection on campus.
6. I oblige all parties to follow the newly established online information channel: <http://covid-19.uvlf.sk/en> which provides students and employees with information regarding the epidemiological situation and COVID-19 in Slovak and English languages, information on current conditions and measures at UVMP in Košice.



7. In the first week of the semester education period, all employees of UVMP in Košice and PhD students who are participating in the teaching process are required to fill in an online questionnaire on health status and travel history for the last 14 days available at <http://covid-19.uvlf.sk/>. Employees and PhD students are obliged to fill in this questionnaire every time they enter the territory of the Slovak Republic from abroad.
8. Those concerned are strictly obliged to keep records of employees and other persons in the buildings and premises of UVMP in Košice. Employees record their arrivals and departures in standard way. Other persons are obliged to record their arrival and departure at the relevant workplace so that information about their movement in UVMP premises is available.
9. I hereby limit the social, cultural and sports activities of students and employees held in enclosed spaces where there is an increased risk of spreading COVID-19 infection.
10. I hereby oblige all employees, students and other persons in indoor premises of UVMP to wear face masks or protective shields and to keep a distance of two meters.
11. I hereby forbid entry to premises of UVMP in Košice of all persons with symptoms of respiratory infections that could correspond to the known symptoms of COVID-19 (increased body temperature, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, sudden loss of taste and smell, other symptom of acute respiratory infection).
12. If a student or employee develops symptoms of COVID-19 during educational activities or a working day, he/she is required to leave the university immediately wearing a face mask. The student or employee takes further measures according to the instructions of his/her attending physician (after a telephone agreement), in case of suspicion of COVID-19 he/she informs UVMP in Košice about his/her condition, in line with specified procedure.
13. In case a student or employee of UVMP in Košice is suspected with COVID-19 disease, the university enters the orange phase of the alert system.

**I hereby stipulate the following conditions of teaching process organisation:**

14. Academic year 2020/2021 begins on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2020. Teaching process will take place by combining attendance and distance forms of education. Teaching process in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of study in the study programme General Veterinary Medicine in Slovak and English languages begins on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 with lectures exclusively in the distance form until September 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 by 12:00 a.m. Subsequent block teaching process will take place in attendance form according to the schedule.
15. Registration of students will take place in a form that minimizes the risk of spreading the infection, preferably in electronic form. If personal registration of students is required, it will be implemented in a way that would protect employees and students from infection (e.g. individual registration at a pre-agreed time).
16. Each teacher and each student shall follow the organizational instructions for the academic year 2020/2021 issued and updated by Study Office of UVMP in Košice.
17. Every student studying in Slovak and English languages is obliged to fill in an online questionnaire on health status for the last 14 days prior to the beginning of the teaching process (no sooner than three days before or at the latest on the date the student begins personal

participation in the teaching process) available at <http://covid-19.uvlf.sk/en>. The student is obliged to fill in this questionnaire every time he/she enters the territory of the Slovak Republic from abroad.

18. Every student studying in Slovak and English languages is obliged to submit a solemn declaration not older than 3 days on the day of his/her registration at UVMP Dormitories. (Annex No. 3). The student submits the solemn declaration every time he/she enters the territory of the Slovak Republic from abroad.
19. Foreign students will be notified well in advance on the conditions of entry into the territory of the Slovak Republic, possible home isolation in the Slovak Republic, having the PCR test, or the need to prove a negative PCR test when entering the Slovak Republic according to measures and guidelines imposed by the Public Health Care Authority of the Slovak Republic. They will also be informed of any special conditions required by the university in order to ensure a safe academic environment. Students and employees participating in the exchange programmes (Erasmus +, CEEPUS, National Scholarship Program, etc.) who are coming to the university from abroad shall follow the same.
20. A notice shall be published on the entrance doors of buildings where teaching process takes place, stating the conditions under which students are unable to participate in the teaching process and how to proceed in a given case. (Annex No. 4)
21. During the whole teaching process in the indoor premises of the university, teachers and students are required to wear a face mask or a protective shield and observe social distancing of at least two meters.
22. If more than 50 people are to take part in the educational activity, it is recommended to ensure that no more than half of the capacity of the lecture room is used and that there are spaces between students (chessboard seating).
23. Records are kept of groups of students who attend individual subjects at the same time and in the same room. Unapproved reassignment of students between individual groups is prohibited. Groups of students attending theoretical and practical classes (e.g. laboratory works, seminars, lectures) shall be the same. An attendance sheet of physically present students shall be recorded in each subject to enable UVMP to contact the students if necessary (it is recommended to keep attendance sheets for at least one month).
24. I hereby set the length of classes to 40 minutes in order to ensure breaks for disinfection and ventilation of the premises. Rooms shall be ventilated before and after each class.
25. Students who are suspected of having COVID-19 are not penalized for absence from class if it is not possible to take part remotely and their medical condition allows them to participate remotely.

**With regard to the cleaning and disinfection of UVMP premises, I hereby impose the following measures:**

26. Before the entrance to each building a stand or other suitable container with hand disinfectant shall be placed.

27. Gloves are not necessary when carrying out regular activities. However, gloves are needed for food preparation, waste disposal, disinfection, etc.
28. Rooms where groups of students and employees spent some time should be regularly ventilated.
29. All toilets must be equipped with disinfectant soap in the dispenser, preferably with disposable paper towels (napkins) for safe drying of the hands. It is recommended not to use textile towels and air hand dryers.
30. It is forbidden to use fans and air conditioners other than one-way and equipped with a HEPA filter.
31. Toilets shall be disinfected twice a day or as necessary, and records shall be kept.
32. Inform and instruct cleaning personnel about the stricter cleaning conditions and the need for continuous cleaning and disinfection of contact surfaces, other surfaces and objects.
33. Thorough cleaning of all rooms in which students and university employees spend time should take place at least once a day.
34. Disinfect contact surfaces, other surfaces or objects used by a particularly large number of people at least twice a day or as required (e.g. door handles, terminal stations, lift buttons, etc.).
35. Use rubbish bins that do not require physical contact of the hands with the bin when discarding waste (e.g. removing the top lid of the bin and the like).

*All employees, PhD students and students of UVMP in Košice are responsible for compliance with these regulations. The Vice-Rectors, Bursar, senior employees of all organizational units of the university and teachers are responsible for observing and checking the compliance with the above mentioned regulations within their competencies.*

This directive shall enter into force and effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 and shall be valid until revoked.

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