

**Instruction 2/2021 of the Rector and the President of the Clinical Centre on
the Compulsory Coronavirus Vaccination in Certain Study Programs**

The University of Pécs is committed to ensuring the safest environment possible for its citizens during their studies or internships. Furthermore, it is a top priority for the University of Pécs to ensure that everyone involved in rendering health care services at the University under conditions that protect the health and life of the patients.

To protect their and others' health, the University of Pécs recommends that all of its students and employees get vaccinated against coronavirus.

Taking into account the provisions of Article 27 of Act LXXXIV of 2003 on Certain Issues of the Performance of Health Care Activities, and the provisions of Decree No. 40/2004 (26 April) of the Ministry of Health, Social, and Family Affairs on the assessment of being fit to perform health care service activities, as well as the provisions of Government Decree No. 449/2021 (29 July) on the compulsory vaccination against coronavirus (hereinafter: Government Decree), we issue the following instruction (hereinafter: Instruction).

The Personal Scope of the Instruction

Article 1 (1) This Instruction applies to Hungarian and foreign nationals, who

- a) are students studying in the field of medicine and health sciences,
- b) are students of other Faculties entering a medical or social institution in order to fulfil their study obligations,
- c) students and participants in courses at institutions of vocational education in the field of health and social sciences maintained by the University of Pécs,

if they are involved in the performance of a health care activity based on a student or adult education status to fulfil their study obligations, in any health care provider covered by the Government Decree.

(2) The scope of the Instruction also extends to all students and interns participating in internships or other practical training elements in any organisational units of the University of Pécs Clinical Centre, regardless of the institution with which they are affiliated.

Provisions on the Compulsory Vaccination

Article 2 (1) A person covered by Article 1 (1) and (2) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "student") who has not been vaccinated against coronavirus shall not participate in the performance of a health care activity based on a student or adult education status, including participation in internships.

(2) If the student has not received the coronavirus vaccination before the entry into force of this Instruction, the student shall

- a) get vaccinated no later than the day the internship starts with a one-dose vaccine, or
- b) get vaccinated with the first dose no later than the day the internship starts and the second dose of the vaccine at the time specified by the physician administering the vaccination in order to protect the health and life of citizens, with the exception outlined under Article 3,
- c) get vaccinated with the booster dose within 180 days of the first dose in the case of a one-dose of vaccine, within 180 days of the second dose in the case of a two-dose vaccine.

(3) If the student receives only the first dose of a two-dose vaccine or has not been vaccinated with the compulsory booster dose before the start of the internship, the student is required to undergo a documented COVID-Ag rapid test screening, as agreed with the host health care provider, before the start of the internship. The student shall only participate in the internship with a negative result.

Article 3 (1) A student shall be exempted from the obligation to be vaccinated if the vaccination is contraindicated on medical grounds, and this is supported by a medical opinion in accordance with article 2 herein.

(2) The medical opinion is issued by the specialist doctor of the Occupational Health and Hygiene Centre of the Clinical Centre at the student's request, on the recommendation of the student's general practitioner or specialist.

(3) Students who are exempted from the obligation to be vaccinated may start their daily internship only if they fulfil the other conditions laid down by the President of the Clinical Centre for exempted employees, in accordance with the current procedures.

Article 4 If the student

- a) does not comply with the vaccination obligations detailed in article 2 (2) of this Instruction, or
- b) fails to present the medical opinion giving grounds for an exemption or, in the case of exemption, fails to fulfil and certify the other conditions set out in article 3 (3) of this Instruction, then

the student shall not participate in the internship or other training element where the student should have to participate in a health care activity.

Certifying the Compulsory Vaccination

Article 5 (1) The department responsible for the organisation of the internship shall call the student, or the supervisor at the Clinical Centre may call the student to provide a certificate of vaccination. The student may prove vaccination by presenting one of the documents listed in Article 1 (6) of the Government Decree.

(2) Only vaccines in accordance with Article 1 (1) (b) of Government Decree 60/2021 (12 February) may be accepted for the fulfilment of the obligation set out in Article 2 of this Instruction.

Closing Provisions

Article 6 (1) This Instruction shall enter into force on 30 August 2021 and shall expire on the date of expiry of Act I of 2021 on Mitigating the Coronavirus Pandemic.

(2) The modification of this Instruction shall enter into force on 15 December 2021. If, upon this date 180 days have passed since the reception of the first dose in the case of a one-dose of vaccine or the second dose in the case of a two-dose vaccine, the student under the scope of this instruction shall take the vaccination in accordance with article 2 (2) (c) by 28 February 2022 and certify it in accordance with article 5 or provide the medical opinion in accordance with article 3 on which the exemption is based.

Pécs, 30 August 2021

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Clause:

The modification of the Instruction shall enter into force on 15 December 2021.

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