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Minimal safety requirements for classes and exams at the University of Pécs during the state of emergency for the Autumn Semester of the Academic Year 2021/2022

(Epidemic Safety Guidelines)

According to the authorization outlined in Article 14 of Rector's Instruction 20/2020, the PTE Operative Crew outlines the minimal safety requirements for classes and exams as follows.

General rules of entering the University premises

1.1 According to the provisions of the rector's and chancellor's joint instructions on the rules of entering the University premises, only healthy individuals who do not show any symptoms of the novel coronavirus infection shall enter the university premises.

1.2¹ Wearing a surgical mask (medical facemask), textile mask, or other PPE mask (hereinafter collectively: mask) covering the nose and the face is required on all the premises of the university, inside buildings (including but not limited to classrooms, community areas, corridors, dormitory community areas, administrative areas and offices). Wearing a facemask is required at every event or meeting held inside.

1.3 Exceptions from the mask mandate:

- a) The person holding the in-class lecture;
- b) In the sports facilities and in PE or sports classes, the person actively participating in physical activity;
- c) University staff, if alone in the office;
- d) Students in their own dormitory rooms.

1.4 Wearing a mask on the premises of the Clinical Centre is governed by the relevant legislation and internal instructions and may be subject to more stringent requirements than those generally applicable under these guidelines.

Provisions on promoting personal safety measures

2.1 Please pay extra attention to individual prevention measures. Please frequently and thoroughly wash your hands, avoid touching your face, and adhere to the coughing etiquette. These are the most important protective measures you can take to prevent infections. Paper towels should be available for you to dry your hands.

2.2 You should find no-touch, virucidal hand sanitizers at busy entrances and halls. Look for the signs marking these stations and use these devices often.

¹ Effective from 2 November 2021

2.3 Virucidal hand sanitizers should be placed in restrooms. We recommend placing hand sanitizers in canteens too.

2.4. Please ventilate classrooms, corridors, offices, and other rooms often.

Traineeships, practical courses

3.1 Special protective measures shall apply to the students and instructors participating in traineeships and practical courses (hereinafter collectively: practical courses). Handwashing with soap and water or alcoholic hand sanitizers shall be made available on-site to participants. You are required to wash hands with soap or use the hand sanitizers before each course and to wear a mask (covering your mouth and nose) throughout the courses.

3.2 Introductory lessons (fire and occupational safety, data protection, hospital hygiene) before the courses may be conducted online.

3.3 Schedules should be planned in advance to minimize the number of student in each session.

3.4 Instructors shall monitor the participants' correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE) throughout the practical courses.

3.5 The instructor or someone delegated for this task shall clean the equipment (including the demonstration and IT tools) with a virucidal surface detergent recommended by the manufacturer for disinfecting the respective equipment.

Participating in practical courses at the Clinical Centre

4.1 Only students fulfilling the requirements outlined in the Joint Instructions 2/2021 by the Rector, the Chancellor, and the President of the Clinical Centre on compulsory vaccination may participate in practical courses at the Clinical Centre.

4.2 Anyone with clinical signs of COVID-19 infection will not be allowed to participate in the practical course. If signs of this are detected by the instructor, they shall immediately suspend the practical course and give the necessary professional assistance to the student(s).

4.3 Wearing a facemask is required in every patient care unit of the Clinical Centre during the practical courses. The protective regulations for medical staff at the Clinical Centre and the regulations governing how to wear personal protective equipment apply to students throughout the practical courses. The instructor shall monitor this throughout the practical courses.

4.4 We recommend to increase the proportion of practical courses held in the demonstration rooms or skill labs.

Special provisions on exams

5.1 The exam's date, place, and the expected number of participants shall be decided on by the relevant unit's authorized representative.

5.2 Any other protective measures beyond those general provisions outlined in these guidelines that the head of the particular unit deems necessary for prevention shall be taken or made available directly by the respective unit.

5.3 Only healthy, symptomless students and educators may participate in the exams. Monitoring this requirement shall be the respective unit's responsibility.

5.4 Tools (e.g. dictionary, book, map) must not be shared between students in the exams. Having every necessary and allowed tool shall be the responsibility of student sitting the exam. If it is not possible, then there shall be enough tools made available for every student sitting the exam. The same tool may be used again after 24 hours.

5.5 If the tools must be used by several students in a row, then the instructor or someone delegated for this task shall clean the equipment with a virucidal surface detergent recommended by the manufacturer for disinfecting the respective equipment after each student. The detergent used shall be discussed in advance. On top of these, we recommend you sanitize your hands before and after using the tools.

5.6. The unit organizing the exams shall make sure that the room where they conduct the exam, the corridor or hall where the students are waiting, and if possible, the restrooms are ventilated continuously or often.

5.7 Written assignments (e.g. tests) are safe to be graded after 24 hours with adhering to the protective measures (not touching the face, washing hands with soap or alcoholic sanitizer afterwards).

General provisions on cleaning

6.1 We clean all the premises of the University with detergents every day.

6.2 We use virucidal detergents for cleaning.

6.3 Hand sanitizers placed in a given unit shall be refilled by the local janitor.

Executing the provisions outlined in the guidelines

7.1 Monitoring adherence to the provisions of the guidelines shall be the responsibility of the Rector and the head of the respective units.

7.2 Stricter protective measures may be implemented by the head of the respective unit with prior consent by the PTE Operative Crew.

7.3 According to Article 4 of Joint Instruction 20/2020, violators of the protective measures will be held accountable. The person acting on behalf of the operator of the building may warn the violator to cease the violation. If the violator does not comply with the protective measures following the warning, then the violator shall leave the university premises. If the violator repeatedly violates the measures, the relevant provisions of university disciplinary and liability procedures shall apply.

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Note:

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