



**MISKOLCI**  
EGYETEM

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## **Rector's Order No. 1/2020**

### **On the procedure for reducing the risk of COVID-19 infection at the premises of the University of Miskolc**

In view of the health crisis situation promulgated in Government Decree 283/2020 (VI.17) on the introduction of epidemiological preparedness, in order to protect the life, health, personal, property and legal security of persons participating in higher education, to guarantee the continuity of higher education and the stability of institutional operation, as well as to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, I impose the following measures at the University of Miskolc, applying to all university citizens in employment, assignment or student relations with the University, as well as persons and organizations in a contractual relationship with the University.

#### **I. General provisions**

1. The buildings, events and classes of the higher education institution may only be visited by a healthy person who does not show symptoms of novel coronavirus disease.

Typical symptoms of the disease:

- cough,
- difficulty breathing,
- shortness of breath,
- fever,
- shivering,
- muscle pain,
- sore throat,
- new loss of taste or smell,
- nausea,
- vomiting and/or
- diarrhoea.

If you notice any of these symptoms, contact your GP or the university doctor immediately by phone. Contact details of the doctor's office on campus during consultation hours (7.00-18.00): +36 46 / 565-391, 0646 / 565-111 / 14-93. Outside consultation hours or on weekends, call the local emergency number on +36 46 / 477-104.

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2. Access to the University facilities is possible only at the designated entrances, with a mask on, after measuring body temperature and mandatory hand disinfection.
3. It is extremely important to observe personal hygiene, such as frequent handwashing with soap and applying hand sanitizer, practising proper cough etiquette, avoiding face-touching, and using a device to cover the mouth and nose (hereinafter: mask).
4. Wearing a mask is obligatory in shared enclosed spaces of the University's facilities (snack bars, corridors, toilets), even if safety distance is maintained.
5. Adequate physical distance (1.5-2 meters) must be maintained on the premises of the institution.
6. In addition to the spaces specified in Point 4, a distance of 1.5 meters shall be maintained between waiting people. If the safety distance of 1.5 meters cannot be maintained, a mask must be worn indoors.
7. Unnecessary gatherings are prohibited.
8. It is obligatory to wear a mask during office administration.
9. In offices, chairs, desks and workstations should be placed at the appropriate safety distance.

## **II. Academic issues**

### **1. Enrolment**

- It is recommended to provide the opportunity to enrol online, thus avoiding queuing.
- If online enrolment is unfeasible, enrolment must be scheduled.

### **2. Lectures**

- When drawing up the timetable of lectures for large number of students, establishing several smaller groups for educational purposes must be considered.
- If the safety distance of 1.5 meters cannot be maintained, a mask must be worn. If a protective distance of 1.5 meters is maintained, wearing a mask is recommended to students attending.
- Classes involving a large number of students must be held online, preferably live, with appropriate interactivity.



### 3. Seminars/practices

- Compulsory pre-training education (fire and occupational safety, data protection and hospital hygiene education) must be carried out online if possible.
- If this is not feasible, it must be organized in accordance with the rules for events.
- During the placement and practical training, it is the priority of the practical instructor to continuously monitor the correct use of personal protective equipment. A safety distance of 1.5 meters must be provided as far as possible throughout the practice.
- During the practice, the equipment must be cleaned with a virucidal surface disinfectant by the instructor or a person authorized by him/her, provided that this does not damage the equipment.

### 4. Contact with students

- It is highly recommended to keep contact with students via email and a learning management system, as well.
- Opportunity must be given to students to have a look at the evaluation of their assignments submitted and quizzes taken. During inspection increased attention must be paid to the observance of safety rules.
- The schedule of students must be prepared in advance, thus reducing the number of students present at a time.

### 5. Assessment and reports

- The date of the oral assessment, the area concerned and the expected number of students must be determined in advance, thus ensuring compliance with epidemiological rules.
- In case of an oral assessment, students must arrive at a pre-arranged, scheduled time.
- In case of a written assessment, the rules for classes must be followed.
- The use of personal items is recommended for written assessment.
- Written papers can be safely corrected after a 24-hour wait by following hygienic rules.
- Oral reports can only be held in a well-ventilated room and no more than two students can be inside at the same time beside the assessor/instructor.
- During special examinations (e.g. fine arts, music education, sports, computer, etc.), when candidates use the equipment one after the other, it is necessary to treat the equipment with a surface disinfectant with a short exposure time after each use, which must be provided by the examiner.



### III. Dormitory issues

#### 1. Accommodation of students

- Only healthy people not showing symptoms of novel coronavirus disease and feeling healthy can stay in the dormitories.
- Upon moving in, pre-triage (assessment of the risk of infection) and its documentation - filling in a questionnaire (see Annex) 2 and measuring body temperature - are required.
  - This must be done daily for each person, and the person showing symptoms must be isolated immediately.
- It is recommended to determine the number of people in the rooms with a view to optimise capacity in accordance with the appropriate hygiene rules.
- Information about the order of the dormitory must be placed at the entrance, in the corridors, in the rooms.
- In common areas, such as kitchen, sanitary, bath and toilet areas, residents must comply with the rules for distancing and mask wearing in space and time set out in Point I.

#### 2. Rules of co-habitation

- Students must not use each other's items or clothing, if they do, they must disinfect them after use.
- Food must be stored in the refrigerator in closed containers.
- No visitors (unauthorized people) can stay in the dormitory rooms.

#### 3. Designation of rooms required for isolation

- It is advisable to keep 5% of the rooms empty for isolation and official quarantine.
- The care of quarantined students must be provided in accordance with the epidemiological rules.
- The person with suspected infection must be isolated as soon as possible, and the university doctor or the city emergency service must be contacted at the contact details given in Point I.



#### **IV. Holding events: opening of academic year, graduation and award ceremonies**

1. In the enclosed area designated for holding the event (Assembly Hall, Main Entrance Hall, etc.) only as many people can stay as can be seated on the chairs placed at a distance of 1.5 m in all directions or, failing that, can take part by observing the safety distance, provided that the total number of participants cannot exceed 500 persons.
2. All first-year students must be given the opportunity to take an oath in accordance with these guidelines and the applicable provisions. If necessary, students must be divided into several groups.
3. Everyone in the room must wear a mask. However, the student can take it off while receiving the degree but must take it back when he/she takes a seat again.
4. Gloves must be worn when handing over/receiving diplomas and awards.
5. At the end of the ceremony, relatives may receive the graduates and awardees in the courtyard while maintaining social distance.
6. Organizing programmes that require direct personal contact must be avoided.
7. It is mandatory to follow the mask wearing rules set out in Point I of the General provisions.

#### **V. Sports activities**

1. Only healthy, asymptomatic students and coaches feeling healthy are allowed to take part in sports sessions and leisure activities. Pre-triage of students (assessment of the risk of infection) and documentation - filling in a questionnaire (see Annex 2) and measuring body temperature - are required.
2. To avoid close physical contact, preference must be given to small group activities. During the sessions and programmes, it is recommended to maintain a safety distance of 1.5-2 metres at all times.
3. It is recommended to schedule the activities during the day so that there are as few participants as possible in one place at a time.
4. Only healthy, asymptomatic, healthy students or coaches may participate in sports sessions.



## **VI. Cleaning guidelines**

1. The university cleaning protocol for all educational and public places shall be supplemented with virucidal surface disinfection, together with the required documentation.
2. Frequently touched surfaces (door handles, lift knobs, switches, handles, railings, etc.) must be disinfected regularly.
3. Cleaning and disinfection is required before and after events.
4. Rooms must be continuously ventilated as naturally as possible. If possible, air conditioning must be avoided. If a split air conditioner is used, the appliance must be set so that it does not cause a large air flow in the lower half of the room.
5. In dormitories, bed linen must be collected in a closed system (e.g. plastic bags) and washed using disinfectant.
6. Liquid soap, paper hand towels and toilet paper must be placed in the toilets, hand sanitizer must be available in the corridors and public places.
7. The placement, refilling and control of hand sanitizer is a continuous task.
8. Procurement of disinfectant is initiated by the organisational unit through the Legal and Procurement Department.

## **VII. Foreign students**

All of the points described above apply to foreign students, as well, but they are also subject to special regulations which are detailed below:

1. Special rules for entry and medical examination of foreign students
  - based on the current level of infection in other countries, the National Chief Medical Officer publishes a decision listing the countries and their administrative regions categorized as „yellow” and „red”, which can be found here: <https://www.nnk.gov.hu/index.php/nnk-kozlemenyek>
  - The higher education institution shall issue a certificate - in accordance with Annex 1 to the sectoral procedure of the Ministry for Innovation and Technology - to a non- Hungarian student (hereinafter: student) for entry to Hungary. The identification of the student concerned on the basis of non-personal data (passport number and nationality) will be recorded on a central unified electronic interface set up for inspection by the National Police Headquarters.



- The student must contact the higher education institution of which they are a student and must arrive at the accommodation specified in the certificate within 24 hours after entering Hungary.
2. Rules pertaining to the entry and medical examination of foreign students equated to Hungarian citizens
- From the territory of a „green” country or administrative region, the student can enter Hungary without any restrictions. The higher education institution may establish different, stricter rules regarding the student's entry into the higher education institution.
  - Upon entering from a „yellow” or „red” country or administrative region, the student must undergo a medical examination, which they must tolerate.
  - If arriving from a „yellow” or „red” country, and in case no infection is suspected based on the medical examination, the student will be placed in a quarantine or official house quarantine designated by the epidemiological authority for 14 days, which may be replaced by a dormitory if it complies with the rules of official house quarantine, ie. complete quarantine (using separate sanitary, laundry and cooking facilities in the room). The epidemiological authority shall register the person placed in official home quarantine.
  - *Epidemiological monitoring is not required* if the student can present the results of a molecular biological test (SARS-CoV-2 test) – performed twice in accordance with professional healthcare rules, at least 48 hours apart, and within 5 days prior to entering Hungary – in the form of a medical examination certificate in either Hungarian or English that certifies that SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was not detectable in his body at the time of the examination, or if he can credibly prove that he had already been infected during the six months prior to entry.
  - *If entry to Hungary takes place at least 14 days before the day of enrolment*, a 14-day official home quarantine must be completed, or – as per the approved request of the student – a molecular biological test (SARS-CoV-2 test) can be carried out, performed twice at least 48 hours apart, in accordance with professional healthcare rules. The student's higher education institution (University of Miskolc) participates in the organization of the molecular biology test and it is carried out by the regionally designated medical higher education institution (University of Debrecen).
  - Students coming from a “yellow” country may leave official home quarantine with the permission of the epidemiological authority responsible for issuing the official home quarantine decision, if the result of the first molecular biological test confirms that SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was not detectable in the student's body at the time of the examination.
  - Students coming from a “red” country may leave official home quarantine with the permission of the epidemiological authority responsible for issuing the official home



quarantine decision, if the results of both the first and second molecular biological tests confirm that SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was not detectable in the student's body at the time of the examinations.

- If either of the tests shows the presence of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the student's body, the current procedure of the National Public Health Center must be followed.
3. Rules pertaining to the entry and medical examination of foreign students without a Hungarian citizenship not equated to Hungarian citizens
- From the territory of a „green” country or administrative region, the student can enter Hungary without any restrictions. The higher education institution may establish different, stricter rules regarding the student's entry into the higher education institution.
  - Upon entering from a „yellow” country or administrative region, the student must undergo a medical examination, which they must tolerate.
  - If arriving from a „yellow” country, and in case no infection is suspected based on the medical examination, the student will be placed in a quarantine or official house quarantine designated by the epidemiological authority for 14 days, in a designated dormitory room. The epidemiological authority shall register the person placed in official home quarantine.
  - *Epidemiological monitoring is not required* if the student can present the results of a molecular biological test (SARS-CoV-2 test) – performed twice in accordance with professional healthcare rules, at least 48 hours apart, and within 5 days prior to entering Hungary – in the form of a medical examination certificate in either Hungarian or English that certifies that SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was not detectable in his body at the time of the examination, or if he can credibly prove that he had already been infected during the six months prior to entry.
  - *If entry to Hungary takes place at least 14 days before the day of enrolment*, a 14-day official home quarantine must be completed, or – as per the approved request of the student – a molecular biological test (SARS-CoV-2 test) can be carried out, performed twice at least 48 hours apart, in accordance with professional healthcare rules. The student's higher education institution (University of Miskolc) participates in the organization of the molecular biology test and it is carried out by the regionally designated medical higher education institution (University of Debrecen). Using public transport is not permitted for the student to visit the sampling facility; they must arrive at a pre-arranged time wearing a mask.
  - Students coming from a “yellow” country may leave official home quarantine with the permission of the epidemiological authority responsible for issuing the official home quarantine decision, if the result of the first molecular biological test confirms that SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was not detectable in the student's body at the time of the examination.



- At his/her request student arriving from a “red” country or administrative region of a country may be granted an exemption by the competent local police authority according to the place of intended entry, thus permitting entry to the territory of Hungary.
    - The police authority will allow entry if the applicant proves that the purpose of entry is to fulfill an obligation to study or to take an exam on the basis of their student status, if this is evidenced by a certificate issued by the educational institution.
  - Upon entry, the student must undergo a medical examination, which they must tolerate.
  - If no infection is suspected based on the medical examination, the student will be placed in a quarantine or official house quarantine designated by the epidemiological authority for 14 days, in a designated dormitory room.
    - The epidemiological authority shall register the person placed in official home quarantine.
  - If entry to Hungary takes place at least 14 days before the day of enrolment, a 14-day official home quarantine must be completed, or – as per the approved request of the student – a molecular biological test (SARS-CoV-2 test) can be carried out, performed twice at least 48 hours apart, in accordance with professional healthcare rules. The student's higher education institution (University of Miskolc) participates in the organization of the molecular biology test and it is carried out by the regionally designated medical higher education institution (University of Debrecen). Using public transport is not permitted for the student to visit the sampling facility (to be specified later); they must arrive at a pre-arranged time wearing a mask.
  - Students coming from a “red” country may leave official home quarantine with the permission of the epidemiological authority responsible for issuing the official home quarantine decision, if the results of both first and second molecular biological tests confirm that SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was not detectable in the student's body at the time of the examinations and he submits a request to that effect to the competent epidemiological authority.
  - If either of the tests shows the presence of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the student's body, the current procedure of the National Public Health Center must be followed.
4. Rules pertaining to the entry of non-Hungarian higher education staff
- The invitation letter listed in point b) Paragraph (2) Section 7 of the government regulation on the entry of lecturers, researchers and other staff employed in higher education is issued by the Ministry of Innovation and Technology as per the request of the relevant higher education institution.

Further details can be found in the doctor's office (Centre for Healthcare Profession and Methodology) of the University of Miskolc or at <https://covid19.gov.im/>.



In some cases (e.g. after a leisure trip of a Hungarian citizen), the molecular biological test can be performed for a fee.

Sampling can be performed for a fee in the following institutions in Miskolc:

- 1 Affidea kft. Bosch Miskolc 3526 Róbert Bosch park 3.
- 2 SYNLAB Miskolc 3530 Miskolc Arany J. u. 11-13. (telephone number: +36 30/20 66 819)
- 3 Medicover Zrt. 3525 Miskolc Mindszentér 3. (telephone number: +36 1/465-3131)
- 4 Erzsébet Fürdő Medical and Screening Centre 3530. Miskolc, Erzsébet tér 4. (telephone number: +36 46/505-293)
- 5 Macroklinika 3526 Miskolc, Arany János tér 1. (telephone number: +36 70/ 500-1818)

I will provide information immediately in the event of a change in the epidemiological situation, so you are requested to monitor the university communication platforms.

The present order enters into force on 1 September 2020.

Miskolc, 28 August 2020

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Annexes:        Annex 1: Common symptoms of the disease  
                  Annex 2: Questionnaire



## Annex 1

It is FORBIDDEN for a student/employee to enter and remain in the premises of the institution if he/she has symptoms characteristic of novel coronavirus infection or has experienced such symptoms in the previous three days:

- cough,
- difficulty breathing, shortness of breath,
- fever,
- shivering,
- muscle pain,
- sore throat,
- new loss of taste or smell.

The above list does not include every possible symptom. Other, less common symptoms have been reported, including certain gastrointestinal symptoms such as:

- nausea,
- vomiting and/or
- diarrhoea.

If you experience such symptoms, call your GP immediately and follow the instructions.



## Annex 2

If the higher education institution wishes to use the introduction of a risk screening questionnaire to enter the premises of the institution, it is recommended to ask the following questions:

1 Have you developed a new form of the following symptoms in the last three days?

- fever or temperature (37.5 °C);
- headache, malaise, weakness, muscle pain;
- dry cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, rapid breathing;
- sore throat, loss of smell/taste,
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea.

2 Have you had any contact with a patient with a confirmed coronavirus infection in the last 14 days?

3 In the past 14 days, have you had any contact with a person who has been placed in official quarantine on suspicion of a coronavirus infection?

4 Have you been abroad or received a guest from abroad in the past 14 days?

5 In the past 14 days, have you had contact with a person who had a fever, cough, or shortness of breath?

If necessary, a coronavirus test (PCR test) is recommended.