



Dear colleagues and students,

on the basis of the resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 393 from 19 April 2021 on the extraordinary measures of the Ministry of Health (hereinafter as the 'Ministry'), we wish to summarise what restrictions of USB operations are currently in force and what new measures must be adopted. **Practical instruction for students in their final years has been permitted. The introduction of the obligation to test students constitutes another important change.**

The physical presence of students and participants in courses of lifelong learning at instruction remains prohibited with exemptions outlined below. Furthermore, language exams organised for the public cannot take place except for professional qualification exams and other exams, the completion of which is a condition set by legislation for the performance of a certain activity.

The following in-person educational activities are permitted:

- the presence at exams and other forms of verifying study results under the condition of up to 10 persons in attendance at the same time in the same room;
- individual consultations and other activities related to preparing graduation theses;
- practical instruction of students in their final years, i.e. seminars and tutorials that cannot be replaced by distance instruction due to the nature of the subject, which is understood as the instruction of a course, the description of which in IS STAG states that it is recommended for students in final years of some degree programmes, or courses that include at least one enrolled student in a year corresponding to the final year of the standard length of studies of the respective degree programme or in a higher year (the participation in in-person instruction of such a course is permitted for all students who are enrolled in the course regardless of the length of their studies);
- clinical and practical instruction and training of students of healthcare degree programmes;
- practical pedagogical instruction and practical training of students in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools or facilities for the exercise of institutional education and secured care;
- practical instruction and training under Act No. 95/2004, on Requirements for Acquisition of Recognition of Professional Competence to Practise the Profession of a Physician, Dentist and Pharmacist, and under Act No 96/2004, on Paramedical Professions;
- practical preparation for the performance of a regulated profession of a social worker under Act No. 108/2006, on Social Services;
- practical training of students where the operation of corresponding places of work with respect to the pandemic situation allows it;
- admission exams under the condition of up to 20 persons in attendance in the room (applicants shall present proof of a negative result of the POC antigen test for the presence of the antigen on the SARS-CoV-2 virus, or the RT-PCR test for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that was performed within 7 days preceding the day on which the admission exam takes place, or proof of having undergone the COVID-19 disease, or a certificate of vaccination from the Ministry).

Singing and sports activities are not permitted in instruction with the exception of degree programmes for which these activities are core parts of the degree programme; singing is potentially permitted with a maximum of 6 students in attendance in person in the room.

Participation in the abovementioned educational activities is permitted only if the student in question does not exhibit symptoms of the COVID-19 disease.

In order to participate in *collective* in-person educational activities and examinations (incl. state final exams), it is additionally required that students provide evidence of undergoing a preventive test with a negative result (see below for more information), or the fact that one or more of the abovementioned exemptions apply. The confirmation of preventive testing or that one or more of the testing exemptions apply is not required for



participation in individual consultations, individual instruction, or other individual activities (practical training¹, etc.).

In the case of restoration of in-person instruction, **faculties shall inform students** about the new setting of the instruction schedule in order to prevent scheduling issues in operating in-person and distance instruction as per previously established practices. Concurrently, faculties shall provide students with information on the organisation of testing.

Rules for testing students

The first test shall be done on the first day of the in-person presence of students at faculties or dormitories or other accommodation facilities of USB should students be accommodated there before undergoing tests preceding instruction at faculties. Students who are accommodated at accommodation facilities of USB are required to undergo the test upon arrival to the accommodation facility should they be present there in person before participating in in-person instruction.

Testing is not necessary if students can provide evidence of the facts presented below.

Following **testing methods organised by USB** are deemed possible:

- antigen tests to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that are intended for self-testing or authorised by the Ministry for use by non-professionals (these tests will be available at faculties and at accommodation facilities of USB),
- testing via POC antigen test to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, or the RT-PCR test to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that are performed by providers of medical services,
- testing via RT-PCR tests to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

During testing, it is necessary to ensure that clusters of larger numbers of persons do not form or that other risky behaviour – that could lead to spreading the Covid-19 disease – does not occur.

Tests are performed **once every 7 days**. The testing interval may be shorter in substantiated case (it may be shortened due to operational reasons, particularly with respect to preventing clusters of persons during testing). The interval may be changed according to the participation of the student in instruction or exams, depending on evidence of having undergone a test as per conditions outlined below being provided, etc. It is necessary to preserve the condition of testing on the day of instruction or examination at the latest in the cases of collective instruction or examination if the test was not performed within the prior 6 days. Students accommodated at USB facilities are required to undergo regular testing even if they do not participate in in-person instruction.

Identity checks of students are performed using the University student ID. Should students not have the ID available during testing, they may establish their identity using a different identity document. The authentication of students is a necessary condition for performing and recording tests.

Students shall receive a confirmation available in the annexe or another appropriate confirmation corresponding to the performed testing (see the abovementioned options) after testing in order to be able to provide evidence of having undergone testing before participating in instruction or examination. Students shall receive a confirmation even in the case of a positive test result.

Students are required to complete a sworn statement concerning testing performed. Completed sworn statements are consequently used in settling testing costs. The constituent part of USB at which the testing is done (faculties or USB D&R) shall keep a record of sworn statements and secure statistics of performed tests as per measures of the Ministry.

¹ Conditions for the execution of practical training, incl. the potential requirement of undergoing testing analogous to employee testing, are governed by rules of the workplace where the student's practical training takes place. Testing for purposes of practical training is not enjoined across the board.



Should the test result be positive, the student is required:

- to leave USB premises or other premises where instruction takes place as well as premises of USB accommodation facilities; when that is not possible, the student does not have to leave the accommodation facility of USB and the following steps are taken according to the [Methodological directive stipulating conditions of quarantines and isolations required from employees and students of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice](#);
- **to inform his/her general practitioner about the positive test result** by phone or another common way of distance communication. The medical practitioner shall decide on performing a confirmation test using the RT-PCR method and completes the electronic request form for the testing. Students whose preventive antigen test results are positive are required to undergo a confirmation RT-PCR test to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- **to inform the faculty** (via email sent to his/her study administrator or via another common way of distance communication) about the fact that the result of the preventive antigen test or the confirmation RT-PCR test performed at USB or by another provider of medical services (see below) was positive. The USB is required to contact the Regional Public Health Office in the case of a positive test result without delay and provide all collaboration required.

Providing evidence of meeting the condition for participation in collective instruction or examination

Students shall provide evidence of meeting conditions of testing or being eligible for relevant exemptions from the obligation to the educator providing instruction or examiner:

- by a confirmation issued on the basis of testing performed at USB (see above),
- by a confirmation issued by the provider of medical services demonstrating a negative result of the POC antigen test to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or the RT-PCR test to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that are no older than 168 hours and that were performed by a provider of medical services pursuant to the current extraordinary measure of the Ministry concerning the performance of tests,
- by a proof that certifies that the student in question undergone the Covid-19 disease that was confirmed in a laboratory and that the period of isolation pursuant to the current extraordinary measure of the Ministry has passed. Additionally, no more than 90 days have passed since the first positive POC antigen test to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or the RT-PCR test to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus,
- by a certificate of vaccination against the Covid-19 disease from the Ministry if at least 14 days have passed since the application of the second dose of the vaccination substance in the case of a two-dose system according to the Summary of Product Characteristics about the medicinal product (hereinafter as the "Summary") or at least 14 days since the application of the first dose of the vaccination substance in the case of a single dose system according to the Summary.

Other information (unchanged since the previous announcement)

Accommodation at dormitories and the operation of the Academic Library are organised according to the current regime outlined in the corresponding decisions of the D&R Director and the Academic Library Director.

Please, also respect ordinances and recommendations that are currently in effect concerning respiratory tract protection, the use of disinfectants, etc. The presence and stay in buildings of the USB without respiratory tract protective equipment (nose, mouth) that is understood as a respirator or similar means of protection in compliance with corresponding standards (FFP2, KN 95) is prohibited. Educational activities (examinations), the nature of which does not allow for the use of protective equipment (particularly physical education, singing, playing wind instruments) may constitute an exemption. In cases in which it is necessary that the student sees the mouth of the educator during instruction, it is possible for the educator to use a face shield as protective equipment for respiratory tract protection under the condition that the educator maintains a distance of at least 2 meters from students.



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The abovementioned is currently announced **with effect until further notice (conditions applicable to instruction are in effect from 26 April, preventive testing is performed from 24 April 2021)**. In the case that the circumstances change, along with the binding regulations that the USB must follow, we shall inform you again.

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Annexe: Certificate of antigen test performed to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus performed by a non-professional



POTVRZENÍ

o provedení testu na přítomnost antigenu viru SARS-CoV-2 laickou osobou

CERTIFICATE

**of antigen test performed to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus
performed by a non-professional**

Níže uvedený student v souladu s aktuálně platným mimořádným opatřením MZ ČR podstoupil preventivní test na stanovení přítomnosti antigenu viru SARS-CoV-2, který je určen pro sebetestování nebo povolen MZ ČR k použití laickou osobou.

The student identified below has undergone a preventive test performed to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is intended for self-testing or authorised by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic for use by a non-professional in accordance with the current extraordinary measure of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic.

Jméno a příjmení studenta/Name and Surname:

Univerzitní číslo studenta/University student number: *)

Datum provedení testu/Date of testing:

Výsledek testu (označte)/Test result (select one): negativní/negative pozitivní/ positive

Potvrzení vyhotovil(a) a za správnost odpovídá/The following person prepared the certificate and bears responsibility for the veracity of information completed:

Jméno a příjmení/Name and Surname:

Podpis pověřené osoby/Signature of the authorised person:

*) V případě, že není známo, je možné nahradit univerzitní číslo studenta datem narození a označením fakulty studenta.

*) Should it not be known, the University student number can be replaced by the date of birth and indicating the faculty of the student.