Dear colleagues and students,

on the basis of the resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 471 from 17 May 2021, an adjustment to the previously announced restrictions on operations of higher education institutions has occurred with effect from 24 May. Theoretical instruction of students in all years of their studies, instruction and examinations in lifelong learning programmes as well as other educational events and examinations for the public have been permitted under the following conditions.

Degree programmes

- Distances between individuals of at least 1,5m must be maintained during instruction, with the exception of clinical and practical instruction and training, and student examinations.
- Participation in educational activities has been permitted only as long as the student does not have symptoms of the COVID-19 disease and presents proof of having undergone a preventive test, the result of which was negative, or proof of a relevant exemption from the regulation concerning preventive testing applies (for more information see previously announced rules).
- Sports activities can take place without restrictions in degree programmes for which these activities constitute a core part of the degree programme. In other degree programmes, sports activities are possible on outdoor premises without restrictions; in indoor premises only under the condition that at least 15 m² of the indoor sports grounds is allocated per person. In addition, only 12 people in a group can be present at the most and 30 people in total on the indoor sports grounds. However, it is prohibited to remain in other indoor premises such as changing rooms, showers, etc.
- Singing is not permitted in the context of instruction except for 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.
- Please, respect also 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.

Admission exams

- Admission exams may take place in person, as long as distances of at least 1.5m are maintained between individual persons. Applicants shall present proof of 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 was performed in the prior 7 days before the day of the admission exam, or proof of having undergone the COVID-19 disease, or a vaccination certificate issued by the Ministry of Health.

Lifelong learning programmes, educational events and exams for the public

Lifelong learning courses, other educational events and exams for the public may take place in person as long as the maximum number of participants allowed to take part is not higher than 50 % of the total seating capacity and, concurrently, the total number of those present (including performers, organisers, examiner, etc.) is not over 50 persons (if the event is taking place in indoor premises) or 100 persons (if the event is taking place exclusively on outdoor premises). Furthermore, the following conditions must be met.

- Participation is permitted only to persons with no clinical symptoms of the COVID-19 disease.
- All persons present shall use appropriate respiratory tract protective equipment (nose, mouth) for the whole duration of the event. Such protective equipment is understood as a respirator or similar means of protection in compliance with corresponding standards (FFP2, KN 95). 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 participants.

- All participants must remain seated, unless it is practical instruction or practical examination, in such a manner that at least one unoccupied seat is left between individual participants except for persons from the same household.
- All participants shall present:
  a. proof of a negative result of the RT PCR test to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus performed during the prior 7 days, or
  b. proof of a negative result of the POC test to ascertain the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus performed during the prior 72 hours, or
  c. a COVID-19 vaccination certificate from the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic proving that at least 14 days have passed since the application of the second dose of the vaccination substance in the case of the two-dose system according to the Summary of Product Characteristics, or that at least 14 days have passed since the application of the first dose of the vaccination substance in the case of the single-dose system according to the Summary of Product Characteristics, or
  d. a confirmation of having 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.

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.

The abovementioned is currently announced with effect until further notice. Should the circumstances change, along with the binding regulations that the USB must follow, we shall inform you again.

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