Methodological directive stipulating conditions of quarantines and isolations required from employees and students of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice

The following conditions of quarantines and isolations required from students and employees of the USB are hereby set on the basis of the Decision of the Rector of USB on extraordinary measures connected with the coronavirus epidemic R467 from 13 April 2021 and the Rector’s Ordinance R 465 on testing employees to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus from 10 March 2021:

Conditions for employees

A. In cases of a positive antigen test result when the employee is not exhibiting any symptoms (cough, respiratory difficulties)
   - The employee is required to immediately inform his/her managing staff member using a distance form of communication and leave his/her place of work. The managing staff member handles the information as sensitive data and provides it only to authorised personnel.
   - Furthermore, the employee notifies his/her general practitioner about the positive test result for the purpose of being included in the system and obtains an appointment for an RT-PCR test to ascertain the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (hereinafter as the ‘RT-PCR test’) at a testing site.
   - If the confirmation RT-PCR test is negative, the employee shall return back to his/her post.
   - If the confirmation RT-PCR test is positive, his/her general practitioner shall prepare a certificate of incapacity for work or the employee agrees upon working from home with his/her superior employee (in accordance with current ordinances of the Rector, particularly ordinances concerning homeworking) and the employee is ordered into isolation at the place of his/her residence for 14 days. The isolation is terminated after 14 days if the employee is exhibiting no symptoms of the Covid-19 disease over the final 3 days.

B. In the case of a positive antigen test result when the employee is exhibiting symptoms (cough, respiratory difficulties)
   - The employee is required to immediately inform his/her managing staff member using a distance form of communication and leave his/her place of work. The managing staff member handles the information as sensitive data and provides it only to authorised personnel.
   - Furthermore, the employee notifies his/her general practitioner about the positive test result. The general practitioner shall issue a certificate of incapacity for work or the employee agrees upon working from home with his/her superior employee (in accordance with current ordinances of the Rector, particularly ordinances concerning homeworking) and the employee is ordered into isolation at the place of his/her residence for 14 days (even without the confirmation RT-PCR test).
   - The isolation shall be terminated no sooner than after 14 days if the employee is not exhibiting any symptoms of the Covid-19 disease, without performing the RT-PCR test.
C. **In the case of a positive result of an RT-PCR test**
- The employee is required to immediately inform his/her managing staff member using a distance form of communication and leave his/her place of work. The managing staff member handles the information as sensitive data and provides it only to authorised personnel.
- The employee remains in isolation at his/her place of residence for 14 days on the basis of a certificate of incapacity for work issued by his/her general practitioner or the employee shall agree upon working from home with his/her superior employee (in accordance with current ordinances of the Rector, particularly ordinances concerning homeworking).
- The isolation shall be terminated no sooner than after 14 days if the employee is not exhibiting any symptoms of the Covid-19 disease, without performing the RT-PCR test.

D. **In the case that the employee is traced as a person in close contact with an infected person**
- The employee is required to immediately inform his/her managing staff member using a distance form of communication and leave his/her place of work. The managing staff member handles the information as sensitive data and provides it only to authorised personnel.
- The employee remains in isolation at his/her place of residence for 14 days on the basis of a certificate of incapacity for work issued by his/her general practitioner or the employee shall agree upon working from home with his/her superior employee (in accordance with current ordinances of the Rector, particularly ordinances concerning homeworking).
- The employee undergoes an RT-PCR test 5–7 days (10 days at the latest) from the start of the quarantine. If the test result is negative, the quarantine is terminated on the 14th day of the quarantine and the employee is considered non-infectious.
- In the case of a positive result of the RT-PCR test, the employee is ordered into isolation that is terminated on the 14th day from the day of the test at the earliest provided that the employee is not exhibiting any symptoms of the Covid-19 disease over the final 3 days, without the RT-PCR test.

Employees who have been ordered into isolation or quarantine are prohibited from entering USB buildings. Such employees are required to comply with directives of relevant bodies, particularly the Regional Public Health Office.

**Conditions for students accommodated at dormitories and other accommodation facilities of USB:**

A. **In the case of a positive result of an antigen or RT-PCR test**
- The student is required to immediately inform the study department of his/her faculty (in the case of standard studies) or the international department (in the case of short-term stays) using a distance form of communication.
- The student shall notify the managing staff member of the dormitory. The decision concerning ordering the student into isolation shall be taken according to the nature of his/her accommodation.
- Furthermore, the student shall notify the general practitioner – that he/she is registered with – about the positive result of the test for the purpose of being included in the system and obtains an appointment for an RT-PCR test at a testing site. Should the student not have a general practitioner selected, the Coordinator of measures concerning coronavirus shall report his/her details to the Regional Public Health Office. The student will obtain the appointment for an RT-PCR test through him.
If the confirmation RT-PCR test is negative, isolation measures are terminated.

If the confirmation RT-PCR test is positive, 14 days of isolation in a designated room of USB are ordered. The isolation shall be terminated if the student exhibits no symptoms of the Covid-19 disease over the final 3 days, without the RT-PCR test.

**B. In the case that the student is traced as a person in close contact with an infected person**

- The student is required to immediately inform the study department of his/her faculty (in the case of standard studies) or the international department (in the case of short-term stays) using a distance form of communication.
- The student shall notify the managing staff member of the dormitory. The decision concerning ordering the student into isolation shall be taken according to the nature of his/her accommodation.
- Furthermore, the student shall notify the general practitioner – that he/she is registered with – about the positive result of the test for the purpose of being included in the system and obtains an appointment for an RT-PCR test at a testing site. Should the student not have a general practitioner selected, the Coordinator of measures concerning coronavirus shall report his/her details to the Regional Public Health Office. The student will obtain the appointment for an RT-PCR test through him.
- In the case of a negative result (or the RT-PCR test not being performed on the part of the Regional Public Health Office within 10 days from the start of the quarantine), the quarantine is terminated on the 14th day of the quarantine and the student is considered non-infections.
- In the case of a positive result of the RT-PCR test, the student is ordered into isolation that the student shall terminate on the 14th day from the day of testing provided that the student does not exhibit symptoms of the Covid-19 disease over the final 3 days, without RT-PCR test.

**The following restrictions apply to USB students during isolation or quarantine:**

- Such students are prohibited from participating in in-person instruction, consultations and other in-person study activities including practical training.
- Such students are prohibited from entering USB buildings except for the premises designated for isolation or quarantine.

Students are required to comply with directives of relevant bodies, particularly the Regional Public Health Office.

**The following are hereby rescinded:**

- Methodological directive stipulating conditions of required quarantines at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice from 3 March 2020
- Methodological directive stipulating other anti-epidemic measures at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice from 3 March 2020
- Methodological directive concerning quarantines of employees and students after 7 March 2020 from 9 March 2020

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