

## Ensuring the conditions of study and work performance at CZU as of 17th September 2020

### Article 1

#### Subject of the Decision

- (1) This Decision is issued in order to prevent the spread of the disease caused by the coronavirus and in accordance with generally binding legal regulations, in particular the emergency and protective measures of the Ministry of Health:
- a. Protective measure No.: MZDR 20599 / 2020-25 / MIN / KAN of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - "restriction on crossing the state border of the Czech Republic";
  - b. Emergency measure No.: MZDR 20588 / 2020-14 / MIN / KAN of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - "ban and restriction on mass events with effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020", respectively as of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 18:00 emergency measure No. MZDR20588 / 2020-16 / MIN / KAN of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020;
  - c. Emergency measure No.: MZDR 15757 / 2020-32 / MIN / KAN of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - "isolation and quarantine with effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020";
  - d. Emergency measure No.: MZDR 15757 / 2020-31 / MIN / KAN of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - "wearing respiratory protective equipment with exceptions with effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 till further notice", respectively as of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 18:00 emergency measure No. MZDR15757 / 2020-34 / MIN / KAN of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020;
  - e. Emergency measure No.: MZDR20581/2020-9/MIN/KAN of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - "Restriction of establishments and service operations with effect as of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 18:00"
  - f. Regulation of the Hygienic Station of the Capital City of Prague No. 9/2020 (Ref. No. 57470/2020) of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### Article 2

#### Ensuring the conditions of study at CZU

- (1) In the course of the academic year, CZU shall make an effort to maintain contact teaching in Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral studies to the fullest extent (lectures, tutorials, seminars, consultations, etc.).
- (2) The student can physically participate in classes only if the following conditions are met, i.e. he or she:
- a. is free of acute health problems corresponding to a viral infectious disease (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath, sudden loss of taste and smell, etc.),

- b. has not been ordered a quarantine measure or isolation at the time in the sense of § 2 paragraph 6 of Act No. 258/2000 Coll.,
- c. shall disinfect hands with disinfectants,
- d. fulfils the other obligations set out in this Decision (i.e. particularly in Article 4).

In the event that the student does not meet the conditions of physical participation in the study according to this paragraph, the student's physical participation in teaching will be replaced by obligations set by a particular teacher in accordance with the Methodological guideline for the start of teaching in the academic year 2020/2021. For this purpose, the student is obliged to contact the teacher by means of distance communication.

### Article 3

#### **Work performance of employees and persons in a similar position at CZU**

- (1) The performance of work at the CZU is carried out as standard according to the instructions of a superior employee and at the same time in compliance with the conditions (similarly) specified in Article 4 of this Decision. The Dean of the Faculty or the relevant head of a CZU unit can order the performance of work from home according to current conditions and possibilities.
- (2) Except for the above-mentioned, an employee or a person in a similar position may enter and move at CZU premises if the following conditions are met, i.e. he or she:
  - a. .), is without acute health problems corresponding to a viral infectious disease (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath, sudden loss of taste and smell, etc.),
  - b. disinfects hands with disinfectants,
  - c. has not been ordered at the time a quarantine measure or isolation in the sense of § 2 paragraph 6 of Act No. 258/2000 Coll.

### Article 4

#### **Obligations of all persons present at CZU (i.e. students, employees and others)**

- (1) All persons are prohibited from moving and staying without respiratory protective equipment (nose, mouth) such as a respirator, face mask, mouthpiece, scarf, shawl or other means that prevent the spread of droplets in all common (internal) areas of CZU, with the exceptions provided for in an emergency measure by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic.
- (2) Provided the student (also an applicant for study) or an employee or a person in a similar position has stayed for more than 12 hours during the last 14 days on the territory of countries that are not on the list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19, upon entering the Czech Republic, he or she is obliged to report this fact immediately by phone or by other remote access to the regional hygienic station and at the same time to CZU via the form available at <https://aktualne.czu.cz/> and immediately, at his or her own expenses, undergo an RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2 and submit the result of this test to the Study Administration Office (in the case of the student), International Relations Office (in the case of the student-foreigner) of the relevant faculty or IEC, or to his or her superior (in the case of an employee or a person in a similar position). Until the person submits a negative RT-PCR test for the presence

of SARS CoV-2, he or she may not enter and move in any of the CZU premises, except for possible accommodation in dormitories in areas designated for persons in quarantine measures.

- (3) In the event that a person has resided abroad in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article, he or she is obliged to wear respiratory protective equipment during his or her stay and movement in the indoor and outdoor areas of CZU, for at least 14 days upon entering the territory of the Czech Republic.
- (4) In the case of a foreigner who has resided abroad pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article, the protective measure of the Ministry of Health has imposed another obligation to undergo the second RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS CoV-2, 14 days upon entering the Czech Republic, namely if the public health protection authority does not personally decide on other quarantine measures in individual cases in accordance with Act No. 258/2000 Coll. and the duration of these measures. The second test does not need to be submitted to the International Relations Office or to a superior.
- (5) Due to the obligation of CZU as an entity receiving foreigners who entered the Czech Republic after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to supervise the provision of accommodation, health care and return to the country of origin, foreigners are obliged to register and provide all required information using the form available at <https://aktualne.czu.cz/>.
- (6) It is forbidden to organize theatrical, musical, film and other artistic performances, sports, cultural, religious, federal, dance, traditional and similar events and other gatherings, exhibitions, festivities, pilgrimages, shows, tastings, markets and fairs, educational events, celebrations, both public and private, with participation exceeding 1,000 persons at the same time, if the event takes place mainly outdoors, or 500 persons, if the event takes place mainly indoors, with the exceptions provided for in the emergency measure of the Ministry of Health.
- (7) In the case of holding an event pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Article held in the interior of buildings, participants in such an event are obliged to use respiratory protective equipment even if they would not be obliged to do so pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article.
- (8) As of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 18:00, the following rules must be observed within the accommodation facilities:
  - a. customers are encouraged by information materials to keep a distance of 2 meters and to use cards as the best way of payment,
  - b. at the entrance to the accommodation facility and in the lavatories, the possibility of hand disinfection for customers is provided,
  - c. areas in contact with hands are disinfected regularly,
  - d. customer information materials are available explaining the anti-epidemic measures in place,
  - e. before accommodating a new customer, all contact areas, objects used by guests (e.g. telephone, TV remote control), bathrooms and toilets are disinfected in the room.
- (9) As of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 18:00, the following rules must be observed within indoor sports grounds and related indoor areas of outdoor sports grounds:

- a. it is recommended to ensure disinfection of machines and other exercise equipment and aids after use by each client,
- b. continuously disinfect places where clients occur,
- c. provide hand disinfection for staff and clients,
- d. , clients perform mandatory hand disinfection before and after the overall end of the exercise,
- e. adjust the time schedule so that the premises are cleaned, ventilated and disinfected between individual lessons,
- f. ensure the greatest possible dispersion of persons in the locker rooms, occupy distant ends or to make only every other locker accessible,
- g. ensure the possibility of hand disinfection in the locker room,
- h. continuously decontaminate the places where clients pass (regular cleaning of disinfection),
- i. ensure cleaning every day and disinfection of the interior of cabinets during the day and after the end of operation,
- j. instruct customers to keep the time spent in the locker room to a minimum.

#### Article 5

#### **Final Provisions**

- (1) The list of countries with a low risk of COVID-19 disease is continuously issued by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic.
- (2) Annex is an integral part of this Decision:  
  
Annex No. 1 - Methodological guideline for the start of teaching in the academic year 2020/2021  
  
This Decision annuls the Rector's Decision 19/2020.
- (3) This Decision shall enter into force upon publication and shall take effect on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

In Prague, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Rector

## **Annex to the Rector's Decision No. 20/2020**

### **Methodological guideline for the start of teaching in the academic year 2020/2021**

#### **Start of teaching in the academic year 2020/2021**

- (1) Teaching at the beginning of the academic year shall be governed by the conditions that shall be set by the state administration at the time of its beginning. The basic requirement remains to ensure pedagogical activities in their entirety and in the required quality.
- (2) The basic goal and priority of CZU is to maintain, as far as possible, standard teaching, in accordance with the accredited forms of the study programmes.
- (3) . If the personal presence of students in teaching is reduced (excluded) by the state power, or the epidemiological situation at CZU is fundamentally unfavourable, it shall be necessary to switch to a fully distance form of teaching. General distance education for CZU is ordered by the Rector.
- (4) Distance teaching is to be understood as active teaching, which takes place in accordance with the schedule and where teaching in the personal presence of students is replaced by online teaching. For this purpose, all relevant e-learning methods are used.
- (5) For distance teaching teachers shall give priority to the LMS Moodle and MS Teams platforms, due to the unification of technical requirements for teachers and especially for students, and also thanks to the support of DICT and CAVS. User manuals have already been created for these platforms and further training shall be organized.
- (6) The LMS Moodle application shall be used by guarantors and teachers of subjects mainly to make study materials available to students online, or to test students' knowledge through online tests. The provision of study materials (often reduced to pdf lectures or scripts) in the LMS Moodle environment must be considered in this respect as a minimum, which is not an adequate substitute for contact teaching by means of e-learning.
- (7) Teachers shall use the MS Teams application to organize, record and broadcast lectures online, and if necessary and possible, even to share seminars and tutorials, or for online consultations with students.
- (8) DICT shall prepare teams in the MS Teams environment for all currently taught subjects and shall provide other necessary technical support.
- (9) Unless the personal presence of students in teaching and university examinations is limited, yet the epidemiological situation does not allow for full contact teaching, a hybrid form of teaching shall need to be introduced.
- (10) The hybrid form of teaching means that direct contact teaching is combined with the transmission of teaching online (or at the same time with its recording) and with the use of other e-learning methods. Thus it is possible to optimize the course of teaching so that

contact teaching is maintained in those subjects, or parts of the subjects which, by their nature, require it.

- (11) A variant of hybrid teaching is, for example, the combination of a distance form of online transmission of lectures with full-time (contact) practical teaching within tutorials and seminars. This shall enable to meet a possible condition for a limited number of students present in class.
- (12) A variant of hybrid teaching is also the online transmission of contact full-time teaching and its recording, which shall make teaching available to students who cannot attend classes in person due to quarantine or students with more serious health problems who are forced to avoid larger groups and foreign students who shall not be enabled to arrive in the Czech Republic.
- (13) Depending on the current situation, the Dean of the Faculty or the Director of the IEC decides on the introduction of hybrid teaching.
- (14) In the case of the introduction of hybrid teaching, it is necessary for teachers to define the conditions for fulfilling credits at the beginning of the semester so that they can be met even by students who shall complete at least part of teaching in the semester remotely (e.g. optional participation in direct teaching, emphasis on semester work, projects, or block teaching in laboratories at the end of the semester, etc.).
- (15) The scope of the distance form of teaching in individual study programmes shall be registered due to the information obligation to the National Accreditation Office for Higher Education.
- (16) The distance elements of teaching shall be used in accordance with the methodological guidelines of the National Accreditation Office for Higher Education, i.e. only in those cases where objective external circumstances do not allow to implement the study programme in accordance with the granted accreditation or in accordance with the authorization to carry out the study programme on the basis of institutional accreditation.
- (17) The implementation of study subjects in a hybrid or distance way shall be monitored and evaluated, both from the point of view of students and teachers. This feedback shall provide reflection in order to improve the teaching process or eliminate shortcomings.
- (18) In order to ensure suitable conditions for the implementation of hybrid and distance teaching, it is necessary to equip lecture halls and classrooms with appropriate technology.
- (19) Necessary information, including ordered hygienic preventive measures and recommended methodological procedures, are continuously published at CZU websites in the section "Aktuálně COVID-19".
- (20) Faculties shall issue the conditions for the start of teaching in the winter semester of the academic year 2020/2021 by means of the Dean's Order by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.