



Dear colleagues and students,

on the basis of the extraordinary measures of the Ministry of Health (hereinafter as the 'Ministry') from 29 June 2021 under the reg. no. MZDR 14600/2021-17/MIN/KAN, MZDR 15757/2020-55/MIN/KAN, and the extraordinary measure of the Ministry, reg. no. MZDR 14601/2021-21/MIN/KAN, changes in restrictions on the operation of higher education institutions have occurred with effect from 1 July 2021. The most significant change is the **lifting of all restrictions concerning studies and the unification of conditions for other activities**. Current restrictions are summarised below. Changes in conditions that were announced earlier are underlined.

### **Respiratory tract protection**

All persons must use a respirator or similar protective equipment (e.g. FFP2 or KN 95) when in indoor premises of the higher education institution. Students and academic staff members are exempted from this obligation during educational activities the nature of which does not allow the use of protective equipment (sport, singing, etc.). Other exemptions have been allowed for instruction during which students are seated in their seats and for examinations as long as all persons maintain the minimum distance of 2m. 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 2m from students. The use of protective equipment during practical training is governed by rules applicable to employees of the place of work.

### **Studies in degree programmes**

- All restrictions concerning the organisation of instruction have been lifted. In spite of that, we ask for compliance with the rule stating that students or educators should participate in educational activities only as long as they do not display symptoms of the COVID-19 disease. Recommendations concerning maintaining distances, using disinfectants, etc., continue to apply.
- Providing evidence of absence of infection for the purpose of attending group educational activities in the context of higher education studies is no longer necessary. Mandatory student testing has also been abolished.

### **Admission exams, graduations, lifelong learning programmes, educational events and exams for the public**

- The abovementioned measures concerning respiratory tract protection apply to events attended by 10 persons in one location at the most.
- The following restrictions apply when more than 10 persons attend.
  - Attendance is permitted only to persons displaying no clinical symptoms of the COVID-19 disease.
  - All persons in attendance, except for children up to 6 years of age, need to provide evidence of absence of infection (see below for more details). The organiser of the event is required to check whether conditions for attendance are met at entry and the person in question is required to provide evidence of their compliance with the conditions. Should the person in question not provide evidence of compliance with the conditions outlined below, the organiser is required not to allow the person entry to the event.
  - All persons in attendance, except for children who have not started their compulsory school attendance and other exemptions outlined above or in the aforementioned relevant measure of the Ministry, shall use respiratory tract protective equipment (nose, mouth) understood as a respirator or similar equipment pursuant to relevant regulations (FFP2, KN 95) for the whole duration of the event.
  - The maximum number of persons in attendance in the case of events taking place in indoor premises shall not exceed 75 % of the total seating capacity. All attendees must be seated unless the event is practical training or practical examination. The distance of the audience from the stage or another location designated for performers must be at least 2m.
  - The total number of those in attendance must not exceed 2 000 persons (in the case of events taking place in indoor premises), or 5 000 persons (in the case of events taking place on outdoor premises).



- It is recommended that the distance of 1.5m is maintained between persons who are not members of the same household if the nature of the event allows it.

Evidence of compliance with the condition of absence of infection can be provided by the following:

- a confirmation of a negative result of the RT-PCR test to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that was performed no earlier than in the 7 days prior to the day of providing evidence of absence of infection,
- a confirmation of a negative result of the POC antigen test to detect the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that was performed no earlier than 72 hours ago,
- a certificate of vaccination against the Covid-19 disease if:
  - i) at least 22 days, but no more than 90 days if the second dose was not administered, have passed since the administration of the first dose of the vaccination substance in the case of the two-dose system according to the Summary of Product Characteristics about the medicinal product (hereinafter as the "Summary")
  - ii) at least 22 days, but no more than 9 months if the second dose was administered, have passed since the administration of the first dose of the vaccination substance in the case of the two-dose system according to the Summary,
  - iii) at least 14 days, but no more than 9 months have passed since the administration of the first dose of the vaccination substance in the case of the single-dose system according to the Summary,
- a confirmation of having suffered a case of 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 and no more than 180 days have passed since the first positive POC antigen test to detect the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or the RT-PCR test to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus,
- a confirmation from an employer, a school, or a school facility, or an affidavit concerning the fact that the student underwent a test to detect the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is intended for self-testing or approved by the Ministry for use by a non-professional and that was provided by the employer, school, or school facility in the context of mandatory testing. The result of the test must be negative and no older than 72 hours.

Should the person not be able to provide evidence of absence of infection and the conditions of the event allow it, it is possible to provide evidence of absence of infection by undergoing a preventive antigen test to detect the presence of the antigen of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that is intended for self-testing or approved by the Ministry for use by a non-professional. The result of the test must be negative.

The abovementioned changes will remain in 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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