



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BEGINNING OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

For students of all study programmes studying in Slovak and English languages and international exchange students (Erasmus, CEEPUS, etc.)

Based on the current epidemiological situation and development of coronavirus COVID-19 infection worldwide, Management of the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice has decided at its meeting on August 18th 2020 the following:

1. Study in the academic year 2020/2021 is planned to be carried out by attendance form according to the following organization schedule:

6th year students studying in Slovak and English languages:

- registration to study will be carried out online according to the instructions from the Study Office
- lectures from September 2nd until September 16th 2020 will be carried out online according to the approved timetable
- practical teaching process in respective blocks from September 16th 2020 will be carried out by attendance form and personal attendance of each student is mandatory

Newly accepted students studying in Slovak language:

- registration to study will be carried out according to the approved schedule and instructions from the Study Office
- teaching process in winter semester from September 21st 2020 will be carried out by attendance form according to the approved timetable and personal attendance of each student is mandatory

Newly accepted students studying in English language:

- registration to study is postponed to September 16th 2020 and personal attendance of each student who wishes to start his studies at UVMP in Košice is mandatory, detailed instructions will be issued separately by the Study Office
- teaching process in winter semester from September 21st 2020 will be carried out by attendance form according to the approved timetable and personal attendance of each student is mandatory

Other years of study studying in Slovak and English languages:

- registration to study will be carried out online according to the instructions from the Study Office
- teaching process in winter semester from September 21st 2020 will be carried out by attendance form according to the approved timetable and personal attendance of each student is mandatory

2. Each student studying in Slovak and English languages is required to submit to the Study Office solemn declaration that:

- a) he/she does not show symptoms of acute illness,
- b) Regional Public Health Care Authority has not ordered to him/her a quarantine measure,



- c) he/she is not aware of being in contact with COVID-19 positive person,
- d) he/she has not visited in the past 14 days a country listed as red (high risk) country, in case he/she did, he/she has already received a negative test result afterwards.

Solemn declaration has to be submitted upon student's registration to study or start of the teaching process, whichever is earlier. Declaration form and detailed instructions for its submission will be issued separately.

3. As per current hygienic and preventive measures of the Slovak Public Health Care Authority, all students who come from or visited a red (high risk) country are obliged to submit to the Slovak Public Health Care Authority the result of a negative test, confirmation of the negative test in Slovak or English language of RT-PCR for COVID-19 disease not older than 96 hours upon entering Slovak Republic. Students are required to stay in quarantine until they receive another negative test result of a test completed no sooner than after the fifth day from their arrival in Slovak Republic. Registration form <https://korona.gov.sk/en/ehranica/#>.
4. In case of a positive test result, students has to report this information to the Study Office immediately and has to follow instructions of the Regional Public Health Care Authority. Contacts of the Slovak Public Health Authority in Košice are +421 918 389 841, +421 910 747 531, +421 902 187 390 and koronavirus@ruvzke.sk or epi@ruvzke.sk.
5. Current list of red (high risk) and green (low risk) countries in Slovakia is valid until August 31st 2020. The list is announced on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and will be regularly updated depending on the development of the epidemiological situation. Students who need assistance in finding a place for quarantine, has to request it as soon as possible at the Study Office. UVMP in Košice will provide facility for quarantine.
6. To adhere to the approved organization schedule of the academic year, students coming from the red (high risk) countries should follow the following dates:

	Start of attendance	Last date of arrival	Estimated date of testing
6 th year students	September 16 th	September 4 th – 5 th	September 9 th
Newly accepted students	September 16 th	September 4 th – 5 th	September 9 th
Students of other study years	September 21 st	September 11 th – 12 th	September 16 th

7. Students are obliged to follow and adhere to the valid preventive regulations and restrictions issued by the Slovak Government and Slovak Public Health Care Authorities at any given time and are responsible for any consequences resulting from behaving otherwise.
8. Basic duties of the student:
 - student wears a face mask everywhere inside the university campus (including university special facilities and dormitories), except for specific situations determined by the university,
 - student observes instructions of the Rector, which regulate the conditions under which the university operates in the academic year 2020/2021,



- if the student suspects (has a quarantine recommended by a doctor for symptoms of COVID-19 or is ordered PCR testing) or COVID-19 is confirmed, he/she has to inform Study Office of the university immediately.

This decision resulted from the current epidemiological situation and valid preventive measures and restrictions issued by the Slovak Government and Slovak Health Care Authorities. The UVMP in Košice reserves the right to make necessary changes to this decision and instructions according to the development of the epidemiological situation in accordance with the applicable governmental regulations of the Slovak Republic.

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