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In connection with the beginning of the new academic year 2021/2022, the teaching process as well as the basic operating conditions and anti-epidemic measures of UVMP in Košice will **respect the OTP protocol (vaccination – testing – overcoming the disease).**

I. Vaccinated persons (O):

- a) A person at least 14 days after administration of the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with a double-dose scheme,
- b) A person at least 21 days after administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with a single-dose scheme,
- c) A person at least 14 days after administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, if the first dose was given within 180 days of overcoming COVID-19.

II. Tested persons (T):

A person who is required to demonstrate a negative result of a COVID-19 test, not older than 72 hours (from sample collection) in case of RT-PCR or LAMP test, or not older than 48 hours (from sample collection) in case of antigen test.

III. Persons after overcoming COVID-19 (P):

Persons who overcame COVID-19 within last 180 days.

After expiry of the 180-day period, such person is subject to the obligation to present a negative result of a COVID-19 test in accordance with the currently valid regulations.

To monitor the development of the epidemic and to take anti-epidemic measures depending on the intensity of COVID-19 spread in our environment, all activities will be managed by **COVID SEMAPHORE of the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice** (Appendix No. 1).

The only safe, fast and sustainable way out of the COVID-19 pandemic is to be vaccinated and achieve the highest possible vaccination rates of UVMP staff and students. Vaccination is also the most practical, convenient and easiest way for everyone to comply with the OTP protocol rules.

In connection with the current epidemiological situation

I determine

the following conditions of the teaching process and operation at UVMP in Košice in the academic year 2021/2022

1. Upon entering all UVMP facilities, everyone is obliged to disinfect their hands and to observe the current measures concerning covering of the upper respiratory tract according to the Decree of the Public Health Authority of the SR.
2. A person with symptoms of a respiratory tract infection that may correspond with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever above 37.5 °C, cough, difficulty breathing, muscle pain, headache, fatigue, malaise, loss of smell and flavours and others).

3. If a student or university employee develops symptoms of COVID-19 during classes or during the working day, he/she immediately leaves the university with covered upper respiratory tract also while outdoors, and contacts his/her general practitioner.
4. Students and employees immediately inform the university by e-mail or telephone through the Department of Safety and Crisis Management – Eva Ráčová, Ing. (students and employees), to eva.raczova@uvlf.sk, and in a copy the Study Office (students), by e-mail to zas@uvlf.sk, in case of suspicion of COVID-19 and/or confirmation of COVID-19 disease.
5. Before the start of the teaching process, all students, including PhD students, provide information about vaccination or overcoming the disease (COVID pass) and fill in an electronic questionnaire about their health and travelling abroad for the last 14 days (<https://covid-19.uvlf.sk/en/dotaznik-o-zdravotnom-stave-08-2021>).
6. The same information according to par. 5 shall be provided by UVMP employees (<https://covid-19.uvlf.sk/zdravotny-dotaznik-pre-zamestnancov-082021>).
7. Study Office will prepare lists of students according to individual years and study programmes with an indication of which students are fully vaccinated and which have overcome COVID-19 disease including specification of 180 days period since overcoming.
8. The same list of employees in accordance with par. 7 shall be prepared by the Legal and Human Resources Department.
9. Students who are not fully vaccinated or have not overcome COVID-19 provide a certificate of negative PCR or Ag test according to the OTP protocol in accordance with the current COVID automaton and Public Health Authority of the SR regulations at the beginning of each class to the teacher during attendance verification.
10. Employees who are not fully vaccinated or have not overcome COVID-19 provide a certificate of negative PCR or Ag test according to the OTP protocol in accordance with the current COVID automaton and Public Health Authority of the SR regulations at the beginning of the working day to their senior employee. Senior employees provide the certificate at the Department of Safety and Crisis Management.
11. Compliance with current anti-epidemic regulations and measures of the Public Health Authority of the SR as well as UVMP instructions applies to all workplaces of the university, including its special facilities and transport to these workplaces within the teaching process. In case that internships and practices take place at premises of UVMP contractual partners (e.g. slaughterhouse, etc.), it is necessary to follow any other instructions valid at the workplaces of these partners.
12. At mass events held at UVMP, participants follow the OTP protocol.
13. Students limit mutual encounters with students of others study years, study programmes and other universities.

For the organization of the teaching process, I set the following conditions

14. Teaching in the academic year 2021/2022 will take place by combining in person attendance and distance forms of learning. All educational activities, the nature of which allows it, are carried out remotely or using a combined method. Information on the method of teaching is published in the current timetables, teaching schedule and at the UVMP website.
15. Teachers and students follow current anti-epidemic measures during the teaching process, among others covering of upper respiratory tract, hand disinfection and keeping distances of 2 m.

16. It is forbidden to transfer students between individual groups, unannounced changes in the timetables and classrooms.
17. It is obligatory to keep lists of students (name, surname, year of study, study group number, information on vaccination and overcoming COVID-19, e-mail address and telephone contact) and current timetables, which will be available at the Study Office.
18. It is obligatory to keep accurate attendance lists for each class/lesson in case of an epidemiological inquiry.
19. Students who are suspected of having COVID-19 are not sanctioned for absence from class if they provide to the subject guarantor a record of medical examination by a general practitioner or result from a mobile sampling unit (MOM).

In connection with the cleaning and disinfection of UVMP premises, I order the following measures

20. To ensure thorough cleaning of the university's common areas, sufficient disinfectants for personal hygiene and disinfection, an adequate number of disinfection stations and paper towel dispensers for toilets, including paper towels.
21. Thorough cleaning of all rooms in which UVMP students and employees are located shall be performed at least once a day.
22. Frequent and intensive ventilation is ensured in rooms where people gather (air conditioning and fans are not recommended).

For students accommodated in UVMP Student Dormitories, I set the following principles of security measures

23. Registration for accommodation of students at UVMP Student Dormitories is governed by the current measures of the Public Health Authority of the SR.
24. Only students who have been allocated accommodation and who are meeting the OTP protocol can be accommodated.
25. When making changes in the list of students with allocated accommodation, we prefer vaccinated students.
26. Entrance to the UVMP Student Dormitories, Cesta pod Hradovou No. 11, 13 in Košice, is allowed exclusively to persons complying with the OTP protocol.
27. Provider of accommodation is entitled to request from persons entering the UVMP Student Dormitories a submission of the relevant document, which proves any of the facts of the OTP protocol.
28. Entrance to the building is allowed to students and all persons with covered upper respiratory tract (face mask, respirator FFP2) according to the current regulation.
29. Upon entering the Student Dormitories building, students and other persons are obliged to disinfect their hands and to observe all valid pandemic measures at a given time.
30. Gathering of students in Student Dormitories is prohibited. It is not allowed to meet in rooms, clubhouses, study rooms, corridors, lobbies, etc.
31. Maximum number of students in a room is 2 people accommodated in the double room or 3 people in the triple room.
32. Visits to Student Dormitories are prohibited.
33. Students are required to:

- a) Observe the DFD rule (D – disinfection and thorough washing of hands; F – face mask, covering upper airways; D – distance, keeping a distance between persons of 2 m), wearing a face mask in the assigned room is not obligatory,
 - b) Follow current information on the website www.korona.gov.sk and on the university's website,
 - c) Regularly ventilate the rooms in which they reside.
34. Students who will violate the hygienic regulations, fulfilment of which is necessary for a permission of accommodation in the UVMP Student Dormitories, will have their accommodation at the Student Dormitories immediately cancelled.
35. Curfews are valid according to the Dormitory Rules, but can be changed according to the current pandemic situation.
36. Students with symptoms of COVID-19 disease should contact their general practitioner and follow his/her instructions. Students and employees immediately inform the university by e-mail or telephone through the Department of Safety and Crisis Management – Eva Ráčzová, Ing. (students and employees), to eva.raczova@uvlf.sk, and in a copy the Study Office (students), by e-mail to zas@uvlf.sk, in case of suspicion of COVID-19 and/or confirmation of COVID-19 disease.

Canteens and other operations are governed by the current measures of the Public Health Authority of the SR.

Questions in case of ambiguity can be sent via the contact form at: <https://covid-19.uvlf.sk/en/contact-form>

All employees, PhD students and students of UVMP in Košice are responsible for compliance with these regulations. The Vice-Rectors, Bursar, senior employees of all organizational units of the university and the teachers are responsible for their observance and control within their competencies.

This Directive shall enter into force and effect on September 1st 2021 and shall be valid until revoked.


Prof. Jana Mojžišová, DVM, PhD, Dr. h. c.
Rector

Appendix No. 1

COVID SEMAPHORE of the University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice

The aim of COVID SEMAPHORE of the University of Veterinary Medicine and pharmacy in Košice (hereinafter referred to as “UVMP” or “university”) is monitoring the development of the epidemic and taking anti-epidemic measures depending on the intensity of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 disease) in its environment and in its workplaces.


The system of UVMP COVID SEMAPHORE enables the implementation of measures that are: simple, understandable, predictable, targeted, enforceable, safe and in accordance with legislation.



Green phase represents a situation where at the university:

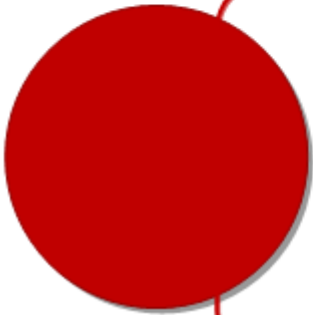
1. No person is positive for COVID-19
2. One or more persons are quarantined because they have come into contact with a COVID-19 positive person outside the university

At that time, teaching takes place without restrictions, under strict anti-epidemic measures.



Orange phase represents a situation where there is at least one confirmed positive case of COVID-19 at the university (student, employee, external contractor or client). The head of the department or the relevant workplace in which the positive person occurred will interrupt the teaching process in the study group or year according to the number of the positive person's contacts.

During quarantine, the head of the workplace will ensure distance form of teaching for the group.



Red phase occurs if several confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 occur, if it is an **epidemic occurrence according to the decision of the relevant Regional Public Health Authority of the SR.**

Regional Public Health Authority in Košice may interrupt teaching process in several or all study groups / years due to the epidemic spread of the disease.

In study groups / years with interrupted attendance in person form of teaching, the Rector will issue an instruction to ensure the distance form of teaching.

Green phase represents a situation where at the university:

- a) There is no person suspected of having COVID-19 (i.e. no person at the university has been in close contact with a person positive for COVID-19),
- b) One or more suspects of COVID-19 are present (i.e. one or more persons are quarantined because they have come into contact with a COVID-19 positive person outside the university).

Suspicion of COVID-19 disease

- A student or university employee who has at least one of the possible symptoms of COVID-19 is **suspected of having the disease** and must leave the university building and **go into home isolation** as soon as possible after their manifestation.
- **No one with symptoms** of respiratory tract infection that may correspond to the symptoms of COVID-19 **shall enter the university premises and workplaces.**
- If a student or employee develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the working day/teaching process, he/she immediately informs the head of the department/Study Office and leaves the university as soon as possible.

If a student is suspected for COVID-19 disease

- Student with a suspected COVID-19 disease (or who has been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person outside the university) does not attend university for 14 days after the last contact with a COVID-19 positive person. If a student has been marked as a close contact, only such student is quarantined and not his/her entire study group.
- If a student was in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person outside the university, he/she is obliged to pass the RT-PCR test ordered by the Regional Public Health Authority or the general practitioner and thus minimize the risk of disease transmission to the university.

If a student with suspected COVID-19 disease takes the RT-PCR test and the result is:

- a) **Negative** – the student informs the university (Study Office) about the result and continues in a 14-day quarantine. The teaching of other students continues in the standard way.
- b) **Positive** – the student informs the university (Study Office) about the result and continues in isolation under the supervision of the general practitioner, who decides on its termination. University passes into the **Orange phase** of UVMP COVID SEMAPHORE.

Orange phase represents a situation where at least one case of COVID-19 has been confirmed at the university.

- If a person is confirmed for COVID-19, he/she shall immediately notify all persons with whom he/she has been in close contact in the period of two days before the onset of clinical symptoms, in the asymptomatic course of the infection in the period of two days before testing for COVID-19.
- The student is also obliged to report this fact to the Study Office and the employee to the head of the department and/or the Department of Safety and Crisis Management.
- If a COVID-19 disease has been confirmed in a student or university employee, they remain in the home quarantine ordered by the relevant Regional Public Health Authority or the general practitioner.
- Students or employees **suspected of being infected with COVID-19** (who have been in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19) will be identified and ordered to be **quarantined** by the relevant Regional Public Health Authority or the general practitioner. Quarantined persons shall report this fact to the Study Office or to the head of the department and the Department of Safety and Crisis Management.

- For early tracing of contacts in the case of positive students/employees, the Study Office or the Department of Safety and Crisis Management in cooperation with the relevant head of the department, will provide to the Regional Public Health Authority lists of the persons who have been in close contact with the confirmed positive student/employee.
- ***Quarantine in the case of a positive test result is ordered for a definite period in accordance with the applicable legislative measures. The person to whom the quarantine applies must follow the instructions of the general practitioner and/or of the relevant Regional Public Health Authority.***
- ***Quarantine after close contact with a positive person does not apply to:***
 - a) A person at least 14 days after administration of the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with a double-dose scheme,
 - b) A person at least 21 days after administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with a single-dose scheme,
 - c) A person at least 14 days after administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, if the first dose was given within 180 days of overcoming COVID-19,
 - d) A person who overcome COVID-19 disease in the period of last 180 days,

And such person has no clinical signs of the disease.

If the student/employee meets the quarantine exemption, the student informs the Study Office and the employee the head of the relevant workplace.

If a study group is ordered a quarantine, exempted students continue with the attendance in person form of teaching.

Red phase occurs in case of several confirmed positive cases, if it is an **epidemic occurrence** (i.e. the spread of COVID-19 occurs demonstrably among students and teachers at the university) and by order of the locally competent Regional Public Health Authority. The **Red phase** is announced by the Regional Public Health Authority in Košice.

The Rector of UVMP will order the interruption of attendance in person form of teaching in study groups and/or study years in which several positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed and will order the distance form of teaching. At the same time, the Rector of UVMP will decide on the adoption of further effective measures to ensure thorough monitoring of the epidemic situation of students and employees for whom COVID-19 has not been confirmed.

The maximum number of people allowed to attend in person form of teaching depends on the current phase of the epidemic situation (according to the COVID automaton of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic)

<p>Green phase <i>MONITORING</i></p>	<p>Orange phase <i>VIGILANCE</i></p>	<p>Red phase <i>1st DEGREE of THREAT</i></p>	<p>Dark red phase <i>2nd DEGREE of THREAT</i></p>	<p>Black phase <i>3rd DEGREE of THREAT</i></p>
<p>Without restrictions</p>	<p>In person attendance form of teaching with limitation:</p>	<p>In person attendance form of teaching with limitation:</p>	<p>In person attendance form of teaching individually: Final exams</p>	<p>In person attendance form of teaching individually: Final exams</p>
	<p>Up to 100 persons</p>	<p>Up to 20 persons</p>		
	<p>Up to 400 persons in OTP</p>	<p>Up to 40 persons in OTP</p>	<p>In person attendance form of teaching with limitation:</p>	<p>Groups with distance form of teaching</p>
	<p>Up to 1000 persons fully vaccinated</p>	<p>Up to 120 persons fully vaccinated</p>	<p>Up to 20 persons in OTP</p>	<p>Student Dormitories only for students with attendance in person form of teaching and strongly recommended OTP</p>
			<p>Up to 60 persons fully vaccinated</p>	
			<p>Larger groups with distance form of teaching</p>	
			<p>Student Dormitories only for students with attendance in person form of teaching and strongly recommended OTP</p>	

Quarantine exemption notification

I submit a quarantine exemption notification for the purpose of maintaining attendance in person form of teaching while ensuring a safe environment at the university in accordance with the exemption pursuant to Section 3 par. 2 of the Decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic No. 239/2021 Coll., which prescribes measures in the event of a threat to public health concerning the isolation of persons positive for COVID-19 and quarantine of persons who have come into close contact with a person positive for COVID-19.

I complete the quarantine exemption notification as:

University student *

University employee *

(Mark the appropriate with an X) *

Name and surname:	
Personal number of AIS ID:	

* fill in the data of the affected persons to the table

In accordance with the conditions of the Decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic No. 239/2021 Coll., I inform you that I meet the conditions for exemption from quarantine as being:

- A person at least 14 days after administration of the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with a double-dose scheme, or
- A person at least 21 days after administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with a single-dose scheme, or
- A person at least 14 days after administration of the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, if the first dose was given within 180 days of overcoming COVID-19, or
- A person who overcome COVID-19 disease in the period of last 180 days,
And at the same time I have no clinical symptoms of the disease.

In the case of a student/employee of the university, the university may process personal data from this questionnaire on the basis of Art. 6 par. 1 letter e) and Art. 9 par. 2 letter c), g), i) of the GDPR Directive to the extent specified here, in order to ensure the protection of the health of students and staff, including a safe and hygienic environment.

On (date) in

Signature
(student/employee)