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Based on the resolutions of the Government of the Slovak Republic, current regulations of the Public Health authority of the Slovak Republic, recommendations of the crisis staff of the Technical University of Košice (hereinafter referred to as "TUKE") and in accordance with Act. no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, Act. no. 124/2006 Coll. on Occupational Safety and Health, as amended, Article 52 of Act. no. 355/2007 Coll. on Protection, Support and Development of Public Health and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, and Act no. 311/2001 Coll. Labour Code as amended (hereinafter referred to as "LC"):

I.**I m p o s e an obligation on all students and employees of TUKE:**

1. To continue to comply with all hygienic and anti-epidemic measures and guidelines, which are regularly updated by the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, and which relate to protective and safety measures in SR, including universities, in connection with the risk of the COVID-19 disease.
2. To follow and comply with current resolutions of the Government of the Slovak Republic, recommendations of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, and measures and guidelines/decrees of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, on matters related to:
 - a) working conditions,
 - b) conditions and forms of study
 - c) accommodation and provision of meals to students and employees,
 - d) education, science, and research activities,
 - e) operation of sports facilities, recreational facilities, and short-term rentals,
 - f) business trips abroad,
 - g) admission of students and staff from abroad,
 - h) organizing mass events on the TUKE campus.
3. To become acquainted with the COVID AUTOMAT (Alert system for 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/ Alert system, version 4.1) which determines basic measures during each phase of the epidemic. In accordance with the COVID AUTOMAT, the division of districts according to the current risk of spreading the COVID-19 is approved by the resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic regularly, on weekly basis. Stated resolutions are regularly published in the Collection of laws of the Slovak Republic and reported in mass media. The COVID AUTOMAT is in the present Rector's Directive as Annex no. 1.

II.**Basic terms**

1. **"Base"** according to Covid Automat v4 represents every person regardless of vaccination, overcoming Covid-19 or test result.
2. **"VTO" ("OTP" in Slovak)** according to Covid Automat v4 represents only:
 - a) fully vaccinated person
 - b) person with confirmation test (PCR 72 hours, Ag 48 hours), or
 - c) person who has overcome COVID-19 in the last 180 days.
3. **"Fully vaccinated person"** according to Covid Automat v4 is a person who is:

- a) 14 days after the second dose of the two-dose vaccine
- b) 21 days after a single dose vaccine
- c) 14 days after any kind of vaccine, if the person has overcome COVID-19 in the last 180 days.

III.

Opening of the academic year

1. Given the current epidemiological situation in districts of Košice and Prešov, the opening of the academic year 2021/2022 starts according to original "Academic calendar 2021/2022" which is published on the website TUKE <https://www.tuke.sk/wps/portal> in the section Studies – Academic calendar. Opening ceremony of the academic year 2021/2022 will not take place in Aula Maxima.
2. Any changes related to the academic calendar due to worsening of the epidemiological situation will be communicated to all students of TUKE in time.

IV.

Studies, students

1. Given the current epidemiological situation in districts of Košice and Prešov, the courses will be carried out online and in person depending on the decision of the dean of each faculty of TUKE.
2. Due to compliance with hygienic and anti-epidemic measures, it is highly recommended to keep the classroom capacity limited to 50%.
3. Regarding presence teaching at TUKE in Košice (with respect to current phase classified as "vigilance" according to COVID AUTOMAT) only students of TUKE who meet the "VTO" criteria are allowed to enter the building, i.e., they:
 - a) must be fully vaccinated, or
 - b) must have confirmation of test (when starting their study at TUKE - PCR within last 72 hours, Ag 48 hours) and get tested regularly at least every two weeks, or
 - c) have overcome COVID-19 in the last 180 days.
4. Regarding presence teaching at TUKE in Prešov (with respect to current phase in district of Prešov classified as "monitoring" according to COVID AUTOMAT) no restrictions for students of TUKE are applied. In case the phase classification of the district of Prešov changes to "vigilance", regulations mentioned in the previous paragraphs will be applied during presence teaching in Prešov.

V.

University of the third age

1. Given the current epidemiological situation in districts of Košice, the courses at the University of the third age will start in presence form and shall enter into effect on 1st October 2021.
2. Due to compliance with hygienic and anti-epidemic measures, it is highly recommended to keep the classroom capacity limited to 50%.
3. Regarding presence teaching at TUKE in Košice (with respect to current phase classified as "vigilance" according to COVID AUTOMAT) only students of the University of the third age who meet the "VTO" criteria are allowed to enter the building, i.e., they:
 - a) must be fully vaccinated, or
 - b) must have confirmation of test (when starting their study at TUKE - PCR within last 72 hours, Ag 48 hours) and get tested regularly at least every two weeks, or
 - c) have overcome COVID-19 in the last 180 days.

VI.**Employees of TUKE**

1. All employees of TUKE who work at TUKE in Košice (with respect to current phase in district of Košice classified as "vigilance" according to COVID AUTOMAT) and meet the "VTO" criteria are allowed to work at the workplace, i.e., they:
 - a) must be fully vaccinated, or
 - b) must have confirmation of test (when coming to work, with effect from the date on which this directive enters into force - PCR within last 72 hours, Ag 48 hours) and get tested regularly at least every two weeks, or
 - c) have overcome COVID-19 in the last 180 days.

VII.**Accommodation**

1. In terms of the accommodation of TUKE students (both foreign and Slovak students) in student dormitories in Košice (with respect to current phase classified as "vigilance" according to COVID AUTOMAT) they are allowed to get the accommodation, if they meet the "VTO" criteria, i.e., they:
 - a) must be fully vaccinated, or
 - b) must have confirmation of test (when coming to work, with effect from the date on which this directive enters into force - PCR within last 72 hours, Ag 48 hours) and get tested regularly at least every two weeks, or
 - c) have overcome COVID-19 in the last 180 days.
2. In terms of the accommodation of TUKE students in Prešov (with respect to current phase in district of Prešov classified as "monitoring" according to COVID AUTOMAT) no restrictions are applied. In case the phase classification of the district of Prešov changes to "vigilance", regulations mentioned in the previous paragraph of this article will be applied for students in dormitories in Prešov.
3. All current information related to student accommodation shall continue to be published on the website of ŠDaJ.
4. TUKE reserves its rights to regulate possible collective entering of the dormitory due to compliance with all hygienic and anti-epidemic measures.
5. The regulations of this article with relate to Educational facilities in Herľany TUKE shall apply accordingly.

VIII.**Canteens**

1. In terms of canteen services for students and employees, the same rules are applied as in articles IV.-VII. in present directive.
2. Providing canteen services in ŠDaJ TUKE and Educational facility in Herľany TUKE (number of people, social distancing, the way of serving food) is in compliance with the COVID AUTOMAT, or decrees/measurements of Public health Authority of the Slovak Republic or Košice.

IX.**Special provisions**

1. In case a student or an employee of TUKE has a medical certificate indicating that they cannot get vaccine, the regulations related to testing and regular testing are to be applied (if the person has not overcome COVID-19 in the last 180 days).

2. A facemask shall be mandatory for all employees and students of TUKE at TUKE in Košice and Prešov not only inside, but also outside during mass events (according to decree of Public health Authority of the Slovak Republic and current classification of both districts).
3. Mass events and other activities are carried out in compliance with rules stated in COVID AUTOMAT and respective decree Public health Authority of the Slovak Republic or Košice.

X.

Final provisions

1. In case classification of districts of Košice and Prešov changes according to resolutions of the Government of the Slovak Republic, students and employees of TUKE shall follow valid COVID AUTOMAT which modifies measures related to each level of risk. Students and employees of TUKE will receive an email about changes.
2. **Exceptions to the recommendations of COVID AUTOMAT and this Directive concerning the testing intervals of TUKE students and employees are in the competence of the Rector of TUKE, Deans of Faculties, Director of ŠDaJ, and Bursar of TUKE.**
3. All TUKE employees and students are obliged to become acquainted with this Rector's Directive and comply with its provisions.
4. This Rector's Directive will be published on the TUKE website, as well as in the sections "TUKE Legislation" and "Studies".
5. This Directive shall enter into force on the day of its issuance and take effect on 1 September 2021.
6. **Amendment no. 1 shall enter into force and effect on 17 September 2021.**