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1. Given the favourable epidemiological situation in the territory of the Slovak Republic and surrounding countries, based on the Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic no. 260 of 14 May 2021, which was published in the Collection of Laws of the Slovak Republic under no. 175/2021 Coll., with effect from 14 May 2021, the state of emergency in the territory of the Slovak Republic was lifted. The emergency situation declared in the Resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic no. 111 of 11 March 2020 continues after the end of the state of emergency.
2. Based on the above-mentioned resolution of the Government of the Slovak Republic, current decrees of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, recommendations of the Task Force of the Technical University of Košice (hereinafter "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 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 at the workplace in connection with 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) accommodation and provision of meals to students and employees,
 - c) education, science, and research activities,
 - d) operation of sports facilities, recreational facilities, and short-term rentals,
 - e) business trips abroad,
 - f) admission of students and staff from abroad,
 - g) organizing mass events on the TUKE campus.

II.**I hereby a l l o w:**

1. All collective bodies of all organizational units of TUKE and self-governing bodies of TUKE and faculties, to be present and work at the workplace in compliance with all anti-epidemiological measures. A member of these bodies may participate in the meeting only if he or she undergoes regular testing at time intervals according to the valid COVID Automat or has an exemption from testing according to the valid decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as "ÚVZ SR").
2. Mass events of a sporting, cultural, and social nature in compliance with all anti-epidemiological measures in accordance with the valid decree of the ÚVZ SR or the Regional Public Health Authority with the seat in Košice (hereinafter referred to as "RÚVZ Košice").
3. Business trips abroad in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the Travel Traffic Light System adopted by the Government of the Slovak Republic.

4. Activities of the University Library TUKE (hereinafter referred to as "UK TUKE") in compliance with all anti-epidemiological measures in accordance with the valid decree of the ÚVZ SR, or RÚVZ Košice. Entry to the UK TUKE workplaces is possible only for those persons who undergo regular testing at time intervals according to the valid COVID Automat, or they have an exception from testing according to the valid decree of the ÚVZ SR. The Director of the UK TUKE shall inform of the operating principles on the TUKE/UK website in a timely manner.
5. The activity of the Education Training Facility Herľany and the Student Dormitories and Canteens TUKE (accommodation of guests and catering) in compliance with all anti-epidemiological measures in accordance with the valid decree of the ÚVZ SR, or RÚVZ Košice.
6. Activities of Student Dormitories and Canteens (hereinafter referred to as "ŠDaJ") TUKE in the field of provision of meals for TUKE employees and students in compliance with all anti-epidemiological measures in accordance with the valid decree of the ÚVZ SR, or RÚVZ Košice. The director of ŠDaJ shall inform of the operation of individual catering establishments on the TUKE/ŠDaJ website or using a mass email.

III.

Provision of teaching, research and artistic activities

1. Until the end of the academic year 2020/2021, education at TUKE shall take place distantly.
2. Examination period, state examinations shall be held distantly according to the study schedule published on the TUKE website in the section "Studies".
3. In the implementation of ceremonial acts of handing out diplomas to graduates of TUKE faculties, the valid measures of the ÚVZ SR, or RÚVZ Košice shall be observed.
4. University teachers, researchers and arts staff shall perform work at individual workplaces in such a way as to ensure that all hygiene and safety measures are observed. In the event that more than one employee works in one room and it is not possible to keep reasonable distances, the head of workplace shall ensure that they take turns at the workplace and in the form of home office.

IV.

Ensuring the operational and administrative functioning of the university

1. Non-pedagogical and non-research/non-arts employees (hereinafter "THZ") shall continue to work at individual workplaces in such a way as to ensure that all hygiene and safety measures are observed. In the event that more than one employee works in one room and it is not possible to keep reasonable distances, the head of workplace shall ensure that they take turns at the workplace and in the form of home office.
2. Blue-collar workers and employees of student canteens perform work at individual workplaces in such a way as to ensure that all hygiene and safety measures are observed. In the event that more than one employee works in one room and it is not possible to keep reasonable distances, it is necessary to ensure that they take turns at the workplace. This provision does not apply to outdoor work. Senior employees are obliged to ensure the staff's arrival schedule at the workplace so that these conditions are ensured even upon staff's arrival at the workplace (e.g., when changing clothes for work).
3. The Head of Economic Governance and Energy Department of the TUKE Rectorate (OHSE R TUKE) shall ensure the operation of university's facilities and sufficient hygienic supplies.

V.

Accommodation

1. In terms of the accommodation of TUKE students, Student Dormitories, in agreement with the student:
 - a) continue the temporary absence from the accommodation for a fee, or
 - b) in cases worthy of special consideration (exceptionally), after the already granted consent of the director of ŠDaJ, shall continue to accommodate, or they may request an exemption for accommodation.

The decision on the amount of the discount and the method of its application for the temporary absence from the accommodation ((b) of this paragraph), which was delivered to the students, shall remain in force.

2. All current information related to student accommodation shall continue to be published on the website of ŠDaJ.

VI.

Monitoring the status of the epidemiological situation

1. Faculties, workplaces with university-wide competence, Student Dormitories and Canteens (ŠDaJ), departments, divisions, and offices of the TUKE Rectorate are still obliged to monitor the state of the epidemiological situation at the workplaces according to the instructions of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic using the forms and within the deadlines specified.
2. The completed forms referred to in the previous paragraph of this Article shall be delivered:
 - a) Faculties – Vice-Deans for Education of the relevant faculty to the Division of Education TUKE,
 - b) Heads of departments and workplaces with university-wide competence, Director of ŠDaJ and Heads of departments, divisions, and offices of the TUKE Rectorate to the OHS and Fire Protection Office of the TUKE Rectorate.
3. The overall summary of the necessary data contained in the collected forms and their submission to the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic shall be performed by the OHS and Fire Protection Office of the TUKE Rectorate on behalf of TUKE.
4. In the event of a confirmed infection, symptoms or possible contact with persons who have contracted COVID-19, it is necessary that:
 - a) the employee immediately inform his/her immediate superior who shall forward the information to the OHS and Fire Protection Office – the TUKE Rectorate (juraj.anna@tuke.sk; +421 910 171 004).
 - b) the student immediately inform the teacher (in case of suspicion detected during the teaching process) or the study department of the faculty (in case of suspicion detected outside the teaching process). The faculty shall forward the information to the OHS and Fire Protection Office – the TUKE Rectorate (juraj.anna@tuke.sk; +421 910 171 004).
5. Employees and students shall continue to follow the guidelines on the website: korona.gov.sk.

VII.

Special provisions

1. In the event that the districts of Košice and Prešov are included in the alert level II (orange) from 01 June 2021, a facemask shall be mandatory when working indoors.
2. Special requirements related to the work performed at individual TUKE workplaces shall be handled by the head of a given workplace.

VIII.

Final provisions

1. In the event of a change in the classification of the districts of Košice and Prešov in the COVID Automat (warning level, or alert level), TUKE employees and students shall follow the current instructions and decrees of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic.
2. All TUKE employees and students are obliged to become acquainted with this Rector's Directive and comply with its provisions.
3. This Rector's Directive will be published on the TUKE website, as well as in the sections "TUKE Legislation" and "Studies".
4. This Directive shall enter into force on the day of its issuance and take effect on 1 June 2021.