



ELTE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OPERATIVE COORDINATING BODY

B R I E F I N G

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS TAKEN DUE TO THE PROTECTION AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

(Status: 10th of May 2021)

The ELTE Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (JOKT) which has been established by the [3/2020 \(II.28\) Joint Directive of the Rector and the Chancellor of the University](#), based on its authorisation in the directive, considering the guidelines issued by the Maintainer, sums up in this BRIEFING all obligations and calls concerning the protective measurements in the closing period of the spring semester in the 2020/2021 academic year for the institution and University CITIZENS, who are required to adhere to and consider these obligations and calls.

According to the second phase of emergency state protective measures detailed in the 234/2021 (V.6) Government Decree “the rector of the higher education institution may decide to organize the education – especially the practical training of students, and the exams requiring students presence according to the regulations of training and examination – with personal attendance complying with the required protective measurements”. The [1/2021 \(V.10.\) Rector’s Directive](#) authorized the deans and directors of institutes with specific legal status to grant written permission to reorganize courses, reschedule in blocks the supplementary laboratory exercises and related examinations that were cancelled throughout the spring semester, hold partial- or complete entrance examinations, organize summer exercises and field practices that require physical presence from participants. On the basis of received authorization, further provisions related to the 2020/2021 academic year shall be determined by the Epidemiological Operational Coordinating Body of ELTE as follows.

1. The spring semester of the 2020/2021 academic year shall continue in distance education and examination with the exceptions set out in point 2 below. Examinations shall not be organized with the requirement of students’ presence (including in particular thesis defenses, final exams, complex exams, doctoral exams, workshop discussions, and doctoral defenses), regardless of their location. Final exams must be held in absentia according to the regulations previously developed. In view of this, the current rules of the transitional study and examination regulations for distance education and examination can be found [at this link](#).
2. Notwithstanding the regulations of point 1, the dean or director may give written permission for
 - a) the reorganization of the course [cf. the new (4a) paragraph of article 54 of the HKR amended by TVSZ 7a.],

- b) in view of absentee education regulations, the rescheduling in blocks of the supplementary laboratory exercises and related examinations that were cancelled throughout the spring semester,
- c) examinations related to the courses listed in points a) and b),
- d) partial- or complete entrance examinations,
- e) summer exercises, field practices

to be organized with the requirement of students' presence. In relation to point d), in the case of the teacher training entrance examinations, the Director General of the Teacher Training Centre is entitled to issue the license.

3. The final examination committee's report shall be authenticated by the high-security electronic signature of any member, or by document authentication tracked through identification (AVDH available on the client gate [Ügyfélkapu]) and in the absence of these conditions, through a signed and scanned paper.
4. (External) traineeships may only continue in attendance if the rules and regulations of the training location allow.
5. Students are allowed to visit the university buildings for reasons and for a period of time that is absolutely necessary for the continuation of their studies and research activities and their stay here. Students who have a certain kind of employment relationship with the University (for example a special-order contract) continue performing their duties in connection with that legal relationship. Students are allowed to continue their already started research activities.
6. Student residence halls are open for students with special permissions and for international students. Students who require a place at a student residence hall can send an e-mail to the director of the student residence hall or to the central e-mail address (kollegium@kancellaria.elte.hu). Students moving to the dormitory must have a protection certificate (or alternatively a medical certificate for the contraindication to vaccination and a negative PCR test). All rules of personal hygiene and community behavior must be strictly followed and maintained in the accommodation. Residents who violate the dormitory policy, supplemented with regard to emergency and epidemiological circumstances, must be evicted from the premises.
7. The rules for entry into the University's educational buildings, introduced during the autumn of 2020, will continue: thus, the continuation of fever measurement upon entry, hand disinfection, and general mask use in university buildings is required. The protection certificate does not exempt from these rules. These rules also apply during field practices, and other educational events and activities held in other external locations organized by the University.
8. Until contrary provision, the University does not organize graduation ceremonies and doctoral graduation ceremonies. Graduation certificates are electronically issued uninterruptedly. In case of doctoral graduation ceremonies, the ordering of emergency situation is considered a fair special reason, thus the oaths can be made in written form and the doctoral degree can be conferred outside of the framework of a ceremonial session.
9. The JOKT recommends for all university citizens to take the opportunity to be vaccinated.

10. Sport facilities may function under the terms of their applicable legislations.
11. The University's public collections, open-air exhibitions, and gardens may be visited under the terms of their applicable legislations.
12. The rental service of university libraries is available, but the reading rooms will not be open until September 2021.
13. The normal operation of the University is continuous. Thus, all lecturers, researchers, teachers, and staff are obliged to work. In addition to the requirement to maintain continuous operation, workplace managers may allow work from home.
14. Virtual administration at the University will be maintained. Employees can make official statements using their office email address within the organization. Here, too, we draw the attention of the employees to the fact that they may make valid legal statements with document authentication (such as labour and economical related documents) through the document identification offered by the client gate (ügyfélkapu).
15. The operation of practicing schools and reserved public educational institutions is subject to legislations and the regulations established by the public sector management.
16. The ELTE Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (JOKT) still does not recommend traveling abroad for its staff or students, either for research or study purposes or for private purposes. The university provides reimbursement (at the expense of its own institutional or project resources as well) only for travel for those who specifically request it, firmly take on the health and cancellation risks associated with the trip, the host party firmly state that they can receive guests, and that they have obtained protection (from vaccination) until the start date of the trip, after 15 days of receiving the second vaccination.
17. University bodies organize their operations and decision-making processes online.
18. Events and gatherings may only be held through online broadcasting and no more than 10 people can be in the same place at the same time.
19. Recommended and mandatory absenteeism cases remain with similar terms as before.

In view of the high risk, in addition to the legal obligation, the ELTE Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (JOKT) also obliges university citizens who have not yet obtained protection from the vaccination and have been in direct contact with a person infected with the coronavirus in the last 10 days to stay away from the University; or if they are currently under contact examination. Employees who are unable to take up their job as described above must file a report to their immediate supervisor and perform their tasks and other duties in accordance with the rules of working from home for a period of 10 days. After the asymptomatic waiting period, they must get to work at their workplace. Our employees who are in voluntary or official quarantine are obliged to participate in online (distance) education as well as in other (online) tasks and activities with students, even during their absence from the University.

All our employees are required to contribute beyond their normal responsibilities to ensure the continuity of university operations. In the unlikely event that a lecturer is prevented from holding a course in online education despite the possibility of working from home,

because of serious illness, the issue of holding the course should be resolved at faculty level by taking over or replacing the course.

Recommended absenteeism

We continue to ask our professor emeritus, senior or health-compromised educators, researchers and staff to stay away from university community in the near future even if they have already obtained vaccination protection. Should you need any special care or require technical assistance in order to continue online educational activities, please inform us immediately.

20. We urge all University Citizens to follow the personal requirements of the epidemiological control. We ask you to comply with the requirements in a strict and consistent manner, especially the regulations regarding the use of masks, social distancing, curfew, and personal hygiene. The University draws the attention of its Citizens to the importance and need for vaccination and asks them to take the first and second vaccine as well.
21. The University intends to start the Academic Year 2021/2022 with personal attendance. The lack of vaccination protection alone will not entitle our students to have an exceptional study schedule with distance education, and our employees (educators and education-research support staff) to work from home.
22. Preparations for international mobility and travel abroad from the Academic Year 2021/2022 can be started by considering that the actual travel depends on the epidemic situation.

We would like to thank all University Citizens for adjusting to the extraordinary circumstances created by the pandemic, and continuously completing their studies, fulfilling teaching and research activities, serving on the operation of the University, and complying with the regulations established due to the epidemic situation.

Budapest, 10th of May 2021.

Eötvös Loránd University
Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body