



## **B R I E F I N G**

### **ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS TAKEN DUE TO THE PROTECTION AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22**

**(Status: 30th of August 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 2021/2022 academic year for the institution and University CITIZENS, who are required to adhere to and consider these obligations and calls.

#### **1. VACCINATION IS A BASIC EXPECTATION**

**The University expects all university citizens to be vaccinated against the coronavirus.** This expectation is justified by the responsibility taken towards the university community, ourselves, our family members, and our wider environment.

The lack of vaccination does not relieve university citizens of their responsibilities. Thus, reference to that alone cannot guarantee them justified absence, absenteeism or exemption from other obligations.

The University greatly supports the receiving of the vaccination. Should the legislation prescribe an obligation to vaccinate, or link benefits to receiving the vaccination and disadvantages to non-vaccination, the University would enforce them immediately and in full.

The vaccination can reduce the chances of serious illness; the higher the vaccination rate, the lower the risk of community-acquired infection or transmission of the infection.

The elderly or those suffering from a chronic illness should consult their doctors about taking the third vaccine. Increased protection may be provided for those for whom the vaccination is medically contraindicated.

The University provides all foreign students with all the information related to their entry into the country, vaccination and issuance of a protection certificate, and encourages and technically assists them to take the vaccination as soon as possible.

#### **2. OBSERVATION OF THE LEVEL OF VACCINATION AND EPIDEMIC TRENDS BY ANONYMOUS QUESTIONNAIRE**

The University will assess the level of vaccination of university citizens at the beginning of the academic year. All persons with a Caesar ID are required to complete an anonymous, electronic vaccination questionnaire upon request or upon a reminder request. Findings from vaccination data may provide a basis for tightening or easing the epidemic-related rules of conduct applied at the University.

Once a week, preferably on a Thursday, as a reminder call, all persons with a Caesar ID are required to report their current vaccination status in an anonymous electronic questionnaire. From the data of the survey, we will form the protection rules by learning about the development of the epidemic within the university.

Everyone is required to participate in the surveys and provide data on a regular and accurate basis, in accordance with reality.

The JOKT publishes the results of the surveys on a weekly basis.

### **3. RULES FOR EDUCATION AT THE START OF THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

As a general rule, the University begins the academic year with in-person education. The way in which the courses are organized is determined according to the procedure issued by the dean of the faculty (cf. HKR).

Participation in external internships is governed by the rules of the internship place. We would like to draw the attention of all our students to the fact that the University is not obliged to assign a new internship to a student who is unable to participate in the internship due to lack of vaccination. Similarly, in case the practice requests a negative PCR test, the University will not reimburse its cost.

Absences are subject to the rules of § 66 [HKR](#). The absence of students entitled to be placed in a dormitory between 6 and 15 September 2021 is considered a justified absence, should the University fail to grant access to the given dormitory. Such absence shall be evidenced by a document issued electronically and authenticated by the signature of the Director of Services.

### **4. GENERAL MASK USE OBLIGATION AND OTHER PROTECTION RULES**

In view of the growing section of the fourth wave, in order to reduce the risks, the use of a mask covering the nose and mouth is mandatory for everyone in community rooms (especially in classrooms, reception rooms, corridors). The only exception is a teacher giving a lecture / seminar / practical lesson.

Regardless of the evolution of the epidemic, basic health rules must be maintained at all times. The buildings, facilities and classrooms of the University may only be visited by a healthy person who does not show symptoms of coronavirus disease.

### **5. STUDENT ADMINISTRATION RULES**

Student administration can be conducted in person and online. The order of personal customer service must be published on the website of the faculty offices, and the order of digital administration will be published on [this interface](#) prior to the beginning of the semester (September 6, 2021).

### **6. OPERATION OF BODIES**

The operation and decision-making of university bodies is continuous.

Board meetings can still be organized online, especially if participants operate at multiple physically distant university sites.

### **7. EVENTS**

University events are subject to legal requirements. According to the current rules: only a person protected against the coronavirus can participate in a music-dance event or other event organized indoors [484/2020. Government Order 6/C. §].

Public access or broadcasting of events may be provided even if the event is otherwise organized in attendance.

Out-of-class programmes for students which promote the acquisition of university studies and their integration into university life (but not a music-dance event) is not considered an event.

## **8. TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY**

The university provides support (at the expense of its own institution or tender resources) exclusively in the event of the traveller explicitly assuming the health and cancellation risks associated with the trip, the host expressly declaring their hospitality, and following the completion of a 15-day waiting period after receiving the complete vaccination.

It is possible to host a foreign guest within the current legal framework applicable for entry into the country and in accordance with the rules for staying in university buildings.

## **9. VIRTUAL ADMINISTRATION**

Electronic administration at the University is maintained. The order of in-person administration shall be published in the usual manner for the office concerned.

## **10. OPERATION OF DORMITORIES**

Only healthy individuals who do not show symptoms of the coronavirus may stay in dormitories / student homes and ELTE colleges. In case of any symptoms of respiratory disease, the sick room should be used until the case is clarified. All personal hygiene rules, epidemiological control rules and standards of community behaviour must be strictly adhered to in the accommodation.

In the dormitories, student hospitality is permitted according to general regulations if the guest has a protection certificate and is not subject to quarantine.

Individual and team sports are permitted on the dormitory's outdoor sports fields. Dormitory events are subject to the current legal provisions in force (see point 7 above).

## **11. UNIVERSITY SERVICES**

All university services are available as usual. Libraries, including their reading rooms, are open to the public and operate on an ongoing basis, as are public collections, parks, gardens, and sports facilities.

We wish all our students, faculty and staff good health and a successful academic year!

Budapest, 30th of August 2021.

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