



BRIEFING

ON THE LATEST MATTERS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL MEASURES REGARDING THE EPIDEMIC AND ON CREATING THE TEMPORARY SPECIAL REGULATION OF EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION DUE TO THE FIFTH WAVE OF THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC

At Eötvös Loránd University the 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 authorization in the directive, sums up in this BRIEFING the introduced and maintained measures in order to protect university citizens, and it publishes a temporary special regulation of education and examination for the spring semester in agreement with the management of the University and the Student's Union:

ELTE prepares for the 2021/2022 spring semester in consideration of the matters below: The fifth wave of the pandemic has started ascending in the population of the capital city and it spreads amongst younger and younger generations dynamically. The course of the illness is generally milder in those who had received the vaccinations and the boosters. The ratio of vaccinated professors, researchers, teachers and staff is almost 100%, and it is also very high amongst students. Based on this information, we hope that the fifth wave of coronavirus in the University community will precede the national tendencies (it will die down sooner) and it will not have a defining effect on the second half of the spring semester.

To protect the University citizens who are at high risk, to take into consideration the preference of educational and learning continuity, and to prevent the high number of absences, **the University – as a general rule – starts the 2021/2022 spring semester with online education and it will switch to classroom learning earliest – as a general rule – after 3 weeks.** The Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (JOKT) constantly monitors the information on the spreading of the virus, and it decides about the change of method in light of them. The Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (JOKT) will issue a separate briefing on the time of switching back to in-person education with providing one week notice for preparation to everyone concerned.

In regard of both the online and in-person education forms the dean can deviate from the general rule in case of certain courses– with a decision made with unique consideration.

Considering the education organization principle articulated above, treating student absences differently is not necessary, the general regulations apply to them in the spring semester.

Participation in external internships is governed by the rules of the internship place. Therefore, practical training can be performed offline even if education is online or in a hybrid form.

Dormitories operate in their regular form; sick and infected persons are separated according to the house rules.

We would like to emphatically remind every University citizen that it is compulsory to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in communal spaces (especially in classrooms, customer service offices, corridors). The only exemptions from this regulation are the professors who are teaching lectures/seminars/practice lessons.

Regardless of the state of the pandemic, **the basic health regulations must be followed.**

The buildings, facilities and classes of the University can only be visited by healthy people who do not exhibit any symptoms of coronavirus or the flu.

The ELTE Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (JOKT) creates the temporary special regulation of education and examination for the spring semester of the 2021/2022 academic year as detailed below:

	ORGANISATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS VOLUME 2 ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER OF THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR	REMARKS
1.	Instructions issued by the Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (Hungarian abbreviation: JOKT) shall apply without being bound by the present Regulations.	Decisions issued by the JOKT shall be applied both in the cases of past and future JOKT decisions concerning provisions of the HKR and its Annexes. Decisions made with urgency, if their nature warrants it, shall be included in the regulations later.
2.	The present Regulations and the Remarks section are to be interpreted together, with the provisions of the Regulations being applied in consideration with the Remarks.	The Remarks are intended to elaborate on the "legislative" intentions of the Regulations. The present section serves to provide an interpretation of the Regulations and a guideline for their application, with their contents to be applied in conjunction with the provisions of the Regulations.
3.	Students and instructors have a mutual responsibility to cooperate in the fulfilment of the academic and exam obligations.	Emphasizing this existing basic principle in the present Regulations is especially important because certain situations may arise when the Regulations do not provide a detailed guideline. When finding a solution in such situations, cooperation between the parties involved in the education process is especially important.
4.	Unlike how it is stated in HKR 17.§ (2a), the dean can deviate from the planned education arrangement form of certain courses during the semester.	According to the policy defined by the dean, the education arrangement form of the courses is determined in the beginning of the semesters, however, due to the developments of the epidemic, it is necessary to authorize the dean to deviate from the previously determined form in cases of certain courses. In the 5. wave of the coronavirus epidemic this typically (but not exclusively) means holding the courses online.

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