ELTE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OPERATIVE COORDINATING BODY

BRIEFING

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The ELTE Epidemiological Operative Coordinating Body (JOKT), to institutionally execute §7. of Governmental Decree 211/2020 (V. 16.) on the protective measures of the capital, with the consent and simultaneous informing of Rector Dr. László Borhy and Chancellor Dr. Gyula Scheuer, orders as follows with effect from 18 May 2020.

I.

In order to preserve the health of all University Citizens, taking into account the need for further defence against the epidemic as well, we hereby explicitly confirm that the obligations and calls published in the BRIEFING on “the execution of the institutional obligation taken in emergency due to the epidemical spread of the new coronavirus disease” on 23rd of March 2020 by JOKT, are in effect and those are still applicable for University Citizens.

1. The obligatory absence of students is in effect until contrary provision.

2. Student reports (exams, final exams, etc.) have to be organised and conducted online in accordance with the unique interim Regulations of Training and Examination.

3. JOKT will publish separate information on the procedure of conducting summer internships at a later date.

II.

Considering the governmental easing of emergency restrictions effective from 18 May 2020, after the sport facilities and the Nature Reserve and Open-air Geological Museum of Tata, the University reopens the ELTE Botanical Garden with the following restrictions:

1. Up to 400 visitors can stay in the ELTE Botanical Garden at the same time. Greenhouses and other premises are not open for visitors.

2. We ask the Director of ELTE Botanical Garden to place notices for distancing along visitors’ routes. Special attention should be payed to the cleaning of toilets. Staff members of the Botanical Garden should not come into contact with the visitors in the course of their work and should consider the regulations of distancing.

3. The opening hours of the ELTE Botanical Garden can be established differently from the regular hours, considering the number of visitors and economic efficiency.
III.

JOKT calls staff members of the University to pay extraordinary attention to personal hygiene and to maintaining a safe distance from others.

The obligatory absence and suggested quarantine, as well as absence from the University described in detail in the JOKT BRIEFING released on 23rd March 2020 is still applicable. Working from home, adjusted to the requirements of the specific field and with the approval of the respective head of unit is still widely supported.

Those staff members, whose work requires personal attendance are allowed to work in a schedule different from their regular working hours to avoid the risk of using public transport during rush hour.

All staff members are obligated to keep a 1,5 m safety distance from others and wear a mask, shawl or a piece of cloth to cover up their mouth and nose at least in common spaces used by many people. With regard to the fact that there is also a law making this an obligatory requirement while being at places where lots of people gather – shops, public transportation –, all staff members have to provide masks themselves.

Working at the University has to be altered so that the workstations used at the same time in the rooms and offices are at least 3 m apart from each other and the number of staff members staying there for a longer period of time should be minimalized. (More than two persons working for a longer period in the same room is only allowed if the room has a special size or other quality that makes working there for a longer period of time possible.)

The natural ventilation of rooms is to be maintained with windows kept open constantly, in a way to avoid one-way air-blasts. Where airing in the way described above is impossible, the number of staff members allowed must be limited and/or it is obligatory to cover up mouth and nose.

Only staff members and people in charge of maintenance and repair work are allowed to enter the buildings of the University, except for extremely justifiable cases. People not closely related to the basic operation (such as courier bringing food or packages) are to be met by staff members at the entrance.

Budapest, 18th May 2020

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