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RECTOR'S DIRECTIVE NO. 03/2020**ON REDUCING THE RISK OF INFECTION BY THE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19****I.****Basic provisions**

1. The issued Rector's directive is based on the statement given by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, and following the recommendation of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic in relation to information on the development of the spread of an infectious viral disease: the coronavirus COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019).
2. COVID-19 is a contagious type of virus that causes respiratory disease. This virus can cause symptoms such as cough, fever temperature of above 38°C, and difficulty breathing. In certain people with weakened immune system, the disease may cause serious health complications, and even death.
3. According to the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, the coronavirus COVID-19 causes acute respiratory disease – a viral pneumonia. It is genetically different from the SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV coronaviruses. It includes the general symptoms of viral infection or classical respiratory diseases such as the flu – fever temperature of above 38°C, cough, cold, muscle pain, joint pain, and difficulty breathing. During a more complex examination, an X-ray finding – pneumonia is usually present. The incubation period for this type of coronavirus is 2-14 days, 6 days on average. However, based on some data, the new coronavirus COVID-19 may already be transferred during the incubation period, which complicates efforts to stop its spread.
4. In order to contribute to reducing the risk of infection by the coronavirus, I hereby issue the following measures, which are obligatory for all persons at the Technical University of Košice (TUKE), and which shall be implemented by all heads of all TUKE departments.

II.**Measures to reduce the risk of infection**

1. For all students, staff and visitors of TUKE:
 - a) planned trips shall be cancelled and travelling to areas where the occurrence of coronavirus has been confirmed shall be avoided,
 - b) business trips abroad in the summer semester of the academic year 2019/2020 shall be limited to the strictly necessary time and necessary activities,
 - c) in the summer semester of the academic year 2019/2020, inviting students and workers from areas where the occurrence of coronavirus has been confirmed shall be limited,
 - d) during the spread of the coronavirus, organizing mass events on the TUKE campus shall be restricted, which shall thereby prevent the spread of coronavirus,
 - e) what shall be considered is an imposition of a 14-day limited contact with staff and students for those persons who have returned from areas with potential occurrence of coronavirus, as well as the possibility of providing home office, or employer's decision to impose staff to take the annual leave,
 - f) in case of health problems accompanied by clinical signs of coronavirus, professional medical assistance shall be sought, and the employer shall be informed.
2. For all organizational units of TUKE:
 - a) written instructions on how to reduce the risk of infection by the coronavirus shall be visibly displayed,
 - b) staff of the TUKE organizational units shall be instructed on how to proceed in the case of the occurrence of disease symptoms,
 - c) sanitary measures shall be increased and compliance with these measures shall be ensured.

III.

Recommended sanitary measures

These are general precautionary measures against all common airborne infections. The Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic recommends following these precautionary measures in order to prevent the risk of disease:

- wash your hands often with soap and water during 40 - 60 seconds. It is also recommended to use alcohol-based disinfectants,
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands,
- when you cough or sneeze, cover both the mouth and nose with a disposable handkerchief and then throw it in the bin,
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of cold or flu,
- if you are sick, undergo home treatment,
- avoid unprotected contact with wild animals and livestock,
- for the time period of 14 days after your return from areas affected by the coronavirus, it is necessary to closely monitor your health condition (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath),
- in the case of clinical signs of the disease after returning, it is necessary to contact or seek a doctor and inform him/her about your travel history,
- areas affected by the occurrence of coronavirus are continuously updated on:
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>.

IV.

Contact and information channels

1. Concerning questions related to the coronavirus, a non-stop information centre has been established.

Contact details:

Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic - <http://www.uvzsr.sk>, novykoronavirus@uvzsr.sk,
0917 222 682 and 0918 659 580,

2. All the necessary information can be found on the following websites:

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic:

https://www.mzv.sk/cestovanie_a_konzularne_info/oznamy_a_upozornenia_pred_cestovanim

WHO - World Health Organization:

<https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

ECDC - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control:

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/cases-2019-ncov-eueea>

V.

Final provisions

This directive shall take effect from 5 March 2020.