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Pursuant to Article 8 of Act no. 42/1994 Coll. on Civil Protection of the Population, as amended, starting on 12 March 2020, the Government of the Slovak Republic has declared an emergency situation due to a second-degree threat to public health, which still persists.

On 11 March 2020, the Director-General of the World Health Organization declared a pandemic of the COVID-19 disease, which still persists.

Due to the deteriorating epidemiological situation in the territory of the Slovak Republic, the Government of the Slovak Republic declared a state of emergency pursuant to Art. 5 par. 1 of the Constitutional Act no. 227/2002 Coll. on State Security at the Time of War, State of War, State of Emergency, and State of Crisis, as amended, on 1 October 2020 for a period of 45 days in the affected territory of the Slovak Republic.

In this context, the Central Task Force of the Slovak Republic and the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic have issued measures and guidelines, which are reflected in this Rector's directive.

I.**Teaching, study schedule and teaching methods**

1. The decision on the method of teaching students at individual faculties falls within the competence of the Deans of the faculties of the Technical University of Košice (hereinafter referred to as "TUKE"). I strongly urge them to follow the recommendations and measures of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic and the Central Task Force of the Slovak Republic.
2. I recommend the TUKE faculties, with effect from 1 October 2020, to deliver lectures using the online distance method in case it is not possible to meet the basic hygienic standards (distance between students, size of classrooms, ventilation, etc.).
3. I recommend continuing with the classroom teaching in the case of exercises, especially in the 3rd year of the 1st level and in the 2nd year of the 2nd level of higher education. Concerning exercises, I recommend adjusting the schedule so that laboratory and practical exercises are given priority.
4. In the case of the classroom teaching method, I order to ensure that anti-epidemiological measures, such as wearing face masks in all TUKE indoor premises, hand disinfection, social distancing, frequent ventilation in classrooms, monitoring the body temperature of students and staff, are strictly observed.
5. I order the Head of the Department of Physical Education TUKE to ensure a distance method of teaching physical education in its entirety with effect from 5 October 2020.
6. The educational activities of the University of the Third Age in Košice are suspended until further notice.
7. Concerning the classroom teaching method, I recommend limiting the contact of pedagogical and non-pedagogical employees over the age of 65 with students as much as possible.

II.**Monitoring the status of the epidemiological situation and the procedure upon detection of suspicion for the coronavirus COVID-19 infection**

1. I order the faculties to monitor the state of the epidemiological situation at the workplaces according to the instructions of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic using the forms and within the deadlines specified.

2. I order the departments and workplaces with university-wide competence, Student Dormitories and Canteens, departments, divisions and offices of the TUKE Rectorate, to monitor the state of the epidemiological situation at the workplaces according to the instructions of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic using the forms and within the deadlines specified.
3. The completed forms referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this directive shall be delivered:
 - a) par. 1 – Vice-Deans for Education of the relevant faculty to the Division of Education TUKE,
 - b) par. 2 – Heads of departments and workplaces with university-wide competence, Director of ŠDaJ and Heads of departments, divisions and offices of the TUKE Rectorate to the OHS and Fire Protection Office of the TUKE Rectorate.
4. The overall summary of the necessary data contained in the collected forms and their submission to the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic will be performed by the Division of Education on behalf of TUKE.

III.

Mass events, accommodation and meal provision

1. I impose a ban on organizing external events in the premises of TUKE until further notice.
2. I order the organizers of internal TUKE events to follow the current instructions issued by the competent authorities (from 1 October 2020, the maximum number of participants allowed is 50 persons).
3. I order the Director of the Student Dormitories and Canteens of TUKE (hereinafter referred to as the "ŠDaJ TUKE") to ensure compliance with the measures specified by the competent authorities relating to the provision of meals for TUKE employees and students.
4. I order the Director of ŠDaJ TUKE to ensure the protection of students and staff of ŠDaJ TUKE against the infection of COVID-19 caused by the coronavirus, mainly by imposing a ban on visiting accommodated students in their rooms, a ban on all social activities in club facilities or other premises of ŠDaJ.
5. To ensure increased disinfection in the premises of ŠDaJ TUKE.
6. I order the Director of ŠDaJ TUKE to ensure that ongoing inspections are carried out to ensure compliance with the measures referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4 of this directive.

IV.

Activities of staff and students upon detection of suspicion for the coronavirus COVID-19 infection

1. In the event of a confirmed infection, symptoms or possible contact with persons who have contracted COVID-19, it is necessary that:
 - The employee immediately informs his/her immediate superior, who will forward the information to the OHS and Fire Protection Office - the TUKE Rectorate (juraj.anna@tuke.sk; +421 910 171 004).
 - The student immediately informs the teacher (in case of suspicion detected during the teaching process) or the study department of the faculty (in case of suspicion detected outside the teaching process). The faculty will forward the information to the OHS and Fire Protection Office - the TUKE Rectorate (juraj.anna@tuke.sk; +421 910 171 004).
 - Staff and students follow the guidelines on the website: korona.gov.sk.

V.

TUKE staff

1. I cancel all business trips abroad until further notice.

2. I cancel the organization of academic ceremonies, social activities with mass participation in the interior premises of TUKE according to the current instructions issued by the competent authorities (from 1 October 2020 over 50 persons).

VI.

Final provisions

1. All students and staff of TUKE are obliged to become acquainted with this Rector's directive and comply with its provisions.
2. This Rector's directive will be published on the TUKE website in the section "TUKE Legislation", as well as in the section "Studies".
3. All students and staff of TUKE are obliged to follow and comply with the currently issued measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, and other authorities and ministries concerning the fight against the coronavirus.
4. This directive shall enter into force and effect on the day of its publication.