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## **PART ONE**

### **Article 1 Basic provisions**

Rector of Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as "TBU Rector") has issued this internal regulation with regard to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease and following the normative acts issued by the relevant public sector administration authorities of the Czech Republic.

## **PART TWO TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS AT TBU**

### **Article 2 Extraordinary measures**

- (1) The normative acts currently in force and issued by the relevant public sector administration authorities of the Czech Republic are listed on the website [www.utb.cz/koronavirus](http://www.utb.cz/koronavirus).
- (2) In compliance with the Resolution No. 125 on the Adoption of Emergency Measures and the Announcement of the State of Emergency in Connection with the SARS CoV-2 Epidemic issued by the Government of the Czech Republic on 14 February 2021, and the Resolution No. 129 on the Adoption of Emergency Measures issued by the Government of the Czech Republic on 14 February 2021, and other Resolutions issued by the Government of the Czech Republic, a ban has been imposed on physical presence of students in classes and examinations – where the number of persons present at the examination at the same time is higher than 10 – during studies at Tomas Bata

University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as “TBU”), and on physical presence of attendees in Lifelong Learning courses, and that with effect from 00:00 on 14 February 2021; the ban does not apply to:

- a) students attending clinical and practical classes and students participating in practical training in degree programmes in healthcare and students participating in pedagogical practical teaching and training in nursery, primary and secondary schools or in school facilities providing institutional or protective education,
  - b) students participating in entrance examinations organized by higher education institutions – where the number of persons present at the examination at the same time is not higher than 10,
  - c) students attending individual tutorials (one student and one academic only).
- (3) Physical presence of persons not specified in the preceding Paragraph in TBU premises is allowed only upon fulfilment of the following conditions:
- The person is free of acute health problems indicating a viral infectious disease (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath, sudden loss of taste and sense of smell, etc.) and in the event that he/she has undergone a test for COVID-19, the test has proved negative.
  - The person wears respiratory protective equipment (covering nose and mouth), namely a medical face mask, a respirator, or similar protective equipment (without an exhalation valve).
  - The person wears respiratory protective equipment (covering nose and mouth), namely a respirator or similar protective equipment (without an exhalation valve) complying minimally with all technical conditions and requirements (for the product), including the filtration efficiency of at least 95 % in accordance with the relevant standards (e.g. FFP2/KN 95), or wears two face masks (double-masking) or similar protective equipment complying minimally with all technical conditions and requirements (for the product) of the Czech Technical Standard EN 14683+AC, which prevent the transmission of droplets in the following cases:
    - o Individual tutorials and work activities, when the persons keep a distance of less than 2 metres between each other,
    - o Employees in charge of dispensing of meals in the HRR,
  - In exceptional cases (in healthcare degree programmes at the FHS), when it is necessary that the students see the mouth of the teacher during classes, the teacher is allowed to use a protective shield as respiratory protective equipment, and that provided that the teacher keeps a distance of at least 2 metres from the students,
  - At the entrance to a TBU building, the person sanitizes his/her hands.
  - The person is not in quarantine at the given time.
- (4) All classes shall be, except for the classes specified in Paragraph 2, held in the form of distance learning – online classes using Microsoft Teams, in compliance with Rector’s Decree No. RR/26/2020.
- (5) It is recommended to hold meetings of TBU employees and sessions of self-governing bodies of TBU online using Microsoft Teams.

**Article 3**  
**Obligations of TBU and its component parts**

- (1) Rector/Bursar/Deans of Faculties/Directors of component parts are obliged to designate a contact person in charge of communicating (hereinafter referred to as “contact person”) with students and staff at the relevant component part about practical instructions and current measures imposed by TBU and report the name of the person to the Head of TBU Crisis Management Team, Vice-Rector for Internal and External Relations.
- (2) In order to ensure a safe and healthy working and learning environment for staff and for students, an obligation to register persons attending timetable events which are scheduled to be attended in person has been imposed, and that in the form of an attendance list, whose template forms Appendix No. 1 to this Decree. Attendance lists shall be filed in the Offices of Assistants to relevant constituent parts (departments/cabinets/studios) that provide the classes.

**PART THREE**  
**MEASURES ADOPTED AT TBU**

**Article 4**  
**TBU employees and TBU external employees**

- (1) The obligation to wear respiratory protective equipment does not apply to employees and persons in a similar position sharing a common office (space) provided that they keep a distance of at least 2 metres between each other and that regular ventilation is ensured.
- (2) A TBU employee or a TBU external employee who develops acute health problems indicating a viral infectious disease, is obliged to contact his/her general practitioner, consult his/her health condition with the GP, follow the recommendation thereof and inform his/her superior.
- (3) If a TBU employee or a TBU external employee has been quarantined, he/she is obliged to report this fact to his/her superior, who shall inform the contact person at the given TBU component part. The contact person shall report this information to the Head of TBU Crisis Management Team, Vice-Rector for Internal and External Relations, without delay.
- (4) Business trips have been suspended, and they may only be permitted in exceptional cases by the relevant employee authorized to act in employment affairs (Rector/Bursar/Dean/Director of the relevant component part).
- (5) Persons aged 60 and over as well as persons suffering from chronic illnesses or an immune deficiency (confirmed by a medical certificate issued by a physician) may ask their superior (Rector/Bursar/Dean/Director of the relevant component part) for an adjustment of work in order to minimize the risk of transmission of the disease.

- (6) In compliance with this Rector's Decree, TBU Rector announces, at the same time, special arrangements to be followed in TBU constituent parts (hereinafter referred to "special arrangements") in order to ensure the operation at TBU. Those TBU employees who perform a type of work whose nature enables working from home – provided that the operating conditions at TBU enable it as well – may perform their work from home, the so-called home office, and that upon fulfilling the requirements specified in the Rector's Directive "Rules Governing the Working from Home Policy" (the so-called home office) at Tomas Bata University in Zlín.

### **Article 5 Guests from abroad**

TBU Rector suspends the arrival of international guests.

### **Article 6 TBU students**

- (1) A TBU student who develops acute health problems indicating a viral infectious disease is obliged to contact his/her general practitioner, consult his/her health condition with the GP and follow his/her recommendation. If a student has been quarantined, he/she is obliged to report this fact to the Student Affairs Office of the relevant Faculty, whose staff shall inform the contact person at the given TBU component part. The contact person shall report this information to the Head of TBU Crisis Management Team, Vice-Rector for Internal and External Relations, without delay.
- (2) A TBU student who provides evidence (in the form of a medical certificate issued by a physician) of the fact that he/she falls into a vulnerable group or that he/she has been quarantined or put into isolation will be allowed not to attend classes scheduled to be attended in person.
- (3) In accordance with Paragraph 1) and Paragraph 2) TBU students will be provided with study-related materials and other forms of support upon request in order to ensure a smooth process of studies, including, for example, on-line tutorials, on-line streaming of lectures or practical classes, recorded lectures, alternative dates for laboratory practical classes, etc., according to options and requirements of the given course unit.
- (4) TBU students are permitted to participate in mobility periods abroad only on condition that the outgoing TBU students comply with all measures currently in force which have been imposed by the competent public sector administration authorities in the Czech Republic and abroad.
- (5) Arrivals of new long-term international students (degree study) to TBU are permitted on condition that the incoming students comply with all measures currently in force which have been imposed by the competent public sector administration authorities in the Czech Republic and abroad.
- (6) Arrivals of new short-term international students to TBU have been suspended.

**Article 7**  
**Events organized by TBU**

TBU Rector cancels all events planned to be held and organized by TBU in interior areas (e.g. conferences, cultural, sporting, popular science and educational, social events, etc.).

**Article 8**  
**Halls of Residence and Refectory**

- (1) TBU students who have another place of residence in the territory of the Czech Republic are obliged to leave TBU Halls of Residence or the MSI Accommodation Facility. This obligation does not apply to TBU students:
  - on whom labour obligation was imposed by the Government of the Czech Republic in accordance with Act No. 240/2000 Coll. on Crisis Management,
  - who are at the same time employed at TBU,
  - who participate – on a voluntary basis – in tracing of contact persons of those who have a positive COVID-19 test result within the activities carried out by the Regional Public Health Authority in Zlín,
  - who participate in the fight against COVID-19 in healthcare facilities in the territory of the Zlín Region on a voluntary basis and present written documents certifying this fact and issued by the relevant healthcare facility,
  - who are currently quarantined or who present documents certifying that they share living area with a person who has a positive COVID-19 test result or who has been quarantined,
  - who are able to participate in the educational process in accordance with Article 2 Paragraph 2.
- (2) A TBU student/employee accommodated in the Halls of Residence of TBU in Zlín or in the MSI Accommodation Facility who has a positive COVID-19 test result is obliged to inform the Halls of Residence and Refectory in Zlín about this fact (for details please see Card of Instructions to Be Followed When Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms).
- (3) Entry to TBU catering facilities is not allowed to diners from among the general public.

TBU students (including doctoral students) are allowed to enter the catering facilities only to collect the packed meals.
- (4) Employees of TBU and TBU students accommodated in the Residence Halls are recommended to order a delivery of packed meals according to the instructions given by the Director of the Halls of Residence and Refectory (<https://kmz.utb.cz/aktuality-akce/objednavkovy-system/>).

**Article 9  
Library**

- (1) TBU Library is open solely to individual users loaning and returning study-related documents. Individual users may send their requirements by means of email address [knihovna@utb.cz](mailto:knihovna@utb.cz) in advance. When returning books, it is advisable to preferably use the self-service book return machine situated on the ground floor of the U13 building. Updated information regarding particular services provided by the Library is available at <https://knihovna.utb.cz/en/>.
- (2) The services provided by TBU University Press are available during limited opening hours (Tuesday - Thursday). Online orders are preferred. Updated information regarding the services provided by TBU University Press is available at: <https://nakladatelstvi.utb.cz/>.

**Article 10  
University of the Third Age (U3A)**

Rector of TBU cancels all courses held within the U3A and scheduled to be attended in person.

**PART FOUR  
Final provisions**

- (1) The presence of TBU academics and researchers at the workplace, the performance of their independent scientific, research, development and innovation, artistic or other creative activities shall not be affected by this Decree. Academics and researchers are obliged to be present at a constituent part of TBU (hereinafter also referred to as “employer”) or at any other place agreed upon in cases stipulated by the employer in compliance with the Labour Code. This regulation similarly applies to the non-academic staff of TBU.
- (2) This Rector’s Decree abrogates the Rector’s Decree No. RR/1/2021 and is valid until further notice.