



RECTOR'S DECREE

12.10.2021

Rīga

No. 5-1/527/2021

On amendments to the Procedure/Security protocol for the implementation of precautions for the containment of the spread of Covid-19 infection at Rīga Stradiņš University

In order to ensure that the Procedure/Security protocol for the implementation of precautions for the containment of the spread of Covid-19 infection at Rīga Stradiņš University (hereinafter - the Procedure), approved by the Rector's decree No. 5-1/459/2021 of 31.08.2021 is followed at Rīga Stradiņš University (hereinafter - RSU) in accordance with the Cabinet Regulations 2021 No. 662 of 28 September 2021 "Epidemiological Safety Measures to Limit the Spread of Covid-19 Infection",

it is DECREED that:

1. The following amendments should be made to the Procedure:

1.1. Lay out the legal basis for issuing the Procedure in the following wording:

"Issued in accordance with Section 1, Paragraph three and Section 2, Paragraph one, Clause 2 of the Law on the Management of the Spread of Covid-19 Infection, Section 36, Paragraph three of the Education Law and Section 4, Paragraph three, Clause 4 of the Law on Higher Education Institutions, and Cabinet Regulations No.662 of 28 September 2021 "Epidemiological Safety Measures to Limit the Spread of Covid-19 Infection".

1.2. Lay out Paragraph 3 of the Procedure in the following wording:

"3. General distancing rules

3.1. No quantitative restrictions on the number of students in lecture halls shall be imposed and no space restrictions per student shall be set at RSU, but from **11 October 2021**, only people (including administrative and technical staff, as well as service providers who come into contact with students) having an interoperable vaccination or recovery certificate may participate in the implementation and acquisition of the study programme on site, wearing face masks (except in the case of a person staying in the room alone) and, as far as possible, observing social distancing. The educational process and related services at the University and services of official accommodation facilities shall be organised in person in an epidemiologically safe environment.

3.2. RSU employees may carry out their job responsibilities remotely, upon a prior agreement with their immediate superior and making sure that the quality of performance of their job duties is not adversely affected, until the subsequent Rector's decree.

3.3. 3.3. People (technical staff, outsourcing providers etc.) who do not meet the requirements specified in Sub-paragraph 3.1 of this Procedure may stay in RSU premises

outside the period of study or in specially separated premises, if the following conditions are met:

3.3.1. face masks are used continuously in the premises;

3.3.2. disinfection of work surfaces and ventilation is provided;

3.3.3 2-metre distancing is maintained in communication with other RSU staff or guests.

3.4. In RSU buildings, where the study process takes place and medical institutions operate at the same time, the requirements specified in this Procedure shall apply to the premises used for the provision of study process at RSU”

1.3. Supplement Sub-paragraphs 6.7 and 6.8 of the Procedure as follows:

“6.7. If, in accordance with the provisions specified in the Sub-paragraph 6.1 of the Procedure, the information has been received regarding a case of Covid-19 infection among the students of the second-level professional higher education programme “Residency in Medicine” (hereinafter - the Resident), the Dean or an employee appointed by the Dean shall ascertain whether the Resident's place of work is informed about the case of infection and the contact persons, as well as shall make sure that the study process provided by RSU has not been carried out during the respective period.

6.8. If the Resident confirms that the Resident's place of work has been informed about the fact of illness, as well as the Dean or the employee appointed by the Dean, has ascertained that the study process provided by RSU has not been carried out during the respective period, the activities referred to in Sub-paragraphs 6.1.4 - 6.1.13 of this Procedure shall not be carried out.”

1.4. Lay out Sub-paragraph 7.3.1 (b) of the Procedure in the following wording:

“b) Before entering the Republic of Latvia, a Covid-19 test shall be done in accordance with the requirements specified in laws and regulations, a negative Covid-19 test result, an interoperable vaccination certificate or another medical document attesting that the person is not infectious shall be produced, as well as the certification should be completed electronically on the website covidpass.lv, if such a requirement is provided by laws and regulation.”

1.5. Lay out Sub-paragraph 8.2 of the Procedure in the following wording:

“8.2. A student, lecturer and any RSU employee who has been issued a student or employee ID card shall register their interoperable vaccination or recovery certificate in the following way: RSU employees by addressing their immediate superior or Human Resources Department, but students by addressing the Student Services. After registration of an interoperable vaccination or recovery certificate, the existence of the interoperable vaccination or recovery certificate shall be verified on specially installed screening sites checking the information from the registration data each time the person enters RSU premises. The staff responsible for verifying the certificates shall be entitled to request the additional presentation of the interoperable vaccination or recovery certificate together with the personal identity document or the employee or student ID card.

1.6 Lay out Sub-paragraph 15.3 of the Procedure in the following wording:

If a person has received an opinion from a medical expert panel of the clinical university hospital regarding the need to postpone the vaccination of the person against Covid-19, with a specified deadline for postponing vaccination, then after submitting the aforementioned opinion of the medical expert panel to RSU, an exception may be made by an individual decree relating to the person concerned with regard to the provisions specified in Sub-paragraph 3.1 of this Procedure in relation to the deadline specified in the opinion of the

medical expert panel, prescribing that the person shall participate in the study process only remotely until the completion of the full vaccination course.

2. The staff of the Rector's Office shall:

2.1.inform the following people of this Decree: T.Koķe, Vice-Rector for Studies; G.Bahs, Vice-Rector for Health Studies; A.Kiopa, Vice-Rector for Science; T.Baumanis, Vice-Rector for Administration and Development; P.Feldmane, President of the Student Union's Board and Deans of RSU Faculties;

2.2.inform all RSU employees of the adjustments to the Procedure;

3. Deans of RSU Faculties shall inform Faculty students of the adjustments to the Procedure.

4. The staff of the Quality Assurance and Internal Audit Department shall ensure the availability of this Procedure (consolidated version) in RSU Document Centre.

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