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On special precautionary measures in RSU student hostels for the containment of the spread of Covid-19 infection

To reduce the possibility of the spread of Covid-19 infection in student hostels of the Rīga Stradiņš University (hereinafter referred to as RSU) at 5 Dārza iela, 17 Mārupes iela and 3 Hipokrāta iela, Rīga (hereinafter referred to as student hostels) based on Sub-Paragraph 26.1 of Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 360 of 9 June 2020 “Epidemiological Safety Measures for the Containment of the Spread of Covid-19 Infection”, as well as pursuant to Paragraph 1.2 of the Procedures for the implementation of precautions to contain the spread of Covid-19 at Rīga Stradiņš University approved by RSU Rector’s decree No. 5-1/257/2021 of 24.05.2021; hereinafter referred to as the Procedure):

it is DECREED that:

1. This decree is binding upon all potential and existing tenants and guests of the student hostel, as well as employees of the student hostel and employees of the RSU structural units in student hostels (hereinafter referred to as RSU employees).
2. **From 30 August 2021, services of the student hostel, including accommodation, can be received by persons, who:**
 - 2.1. **are vaccinated** against Covid-19 infection and fourteen days have passed after the completion of the full vaccination course with the vaccines recognised by the European Medicines Agency or an equivalent regulatory authority, or the World Health Organisation in accordance with instructions for vaccine use or from the twenty-second to the ninetieth day after receiving the first dose of the “Vaxzevria” vaccine and immediately after receiving the second dose of “Vaxzevria” vaccine;
 - 2.2. **have had** Covid-19 infection and eleven, but not more than 180 days have passed since the sampling date with a positive test result within a single illness episode, by which a Covid-19 infection was laboratory-confirmed, determining SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA;
 - 2.3. had a Covid-19 **test** in the last 48 hours determining SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA, and it was **negative**;
 - 2.4. **meets** the additional conditions related to immigration in accordance with **Paragraphs 4, 4¹, 4²** of the decree.

3. In order to receive services of the student hostel, the person should present to the administration of the student hostel an interoperable certificate attesting compliance of this person with the requirements of Paragraph 2 of this decree, as well as a personal identification document (passport or ID card).
4. **Tenants and potential tenants** of the student hostel, who have been in a **high risk country**¹ and a **very high risk country**² in the last 10 days, (**except for** the persons, who **are vaccinated** against Covid-19 infection starting from the fifteenth day after completion of a full vaccination course with vaccines registered by the European Medicines Agency or equivalent regulatory authority or vaccines approved by the World Health Organisation in accordance with the instructions for vaccine use; and the persons, who **have had** Covid-19 infection and eleven, but not more than 180 days have passed since the sampling date with a positive test result within a single illness episode, by which a Covid-19 infection was laboratory-confirmed, determining the SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA, who stayed in a high risk country), **ensures self-isolation** outside the RSU student hostel for 10 days after the country concerned was left. During self-isolation the person:
 - 4.1. stays in their place of residence or other accommodation place;
 - 4.2. does not expose other persons to the risk of being infected, does not establish direct contacts with other people (does not welcome guests, does not go on private visits, to work, public places and premises where many people gather, does not use public transport services, does not participate in events and does not receive services in person, except for shop visits and getting to the selected accommodation place outside the RSU student hostel immediately upon arrival in Latvia, using masks covering mouth and nose);
 - 4.3. observes his / her health condition for 10 days and informs his / her family doctor or the RSU ambulance doctor, if there are signs of an acute respiratory infectious disease (cough, increased body temperature (fever), shortness of breath). If, during this period, the Covid-19 infection (existence of SARS-CoV-2 virus) is stated or it is stated that the person had a high risk contact³ with a person infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the person has the status of a Covid-19 infected person or contact person, the isolation or home quarantine regime should be observed outside the RSU student hostel, informing the administration of the student hostel by the application channels defined in Paragraph 7 of this decree. If the tenant has had a concluded tenancy agreement for at least three months, starting from the beginning of the self-isolation, no bills for costs shall be issued for this period of time. If the tenancy agreement concluded by the tenant

¹ Countries on the list published on the website of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (<https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv>), which are subject to special precautions and restrictive measures.

² Countries on the list published on the website of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (<https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv>) with such an epidemiological situation, including high incidence of Covid-19 or rapid spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus strains dangerous for public health), which can cause a serious threat to public health.

³ View the Section II of the “Algorithm for doctor’s decision-making for ending of isolation of a COVID-19 patient” of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control: <https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv/arsta-lemuma-pienemsanas-algoritms-par-covid-19-pacienta-izolacijas-partrauksanu>

- is shorter than three months of the beginning of the self-isolation, then the rent of 25% shall be paid by the tenant for the self-isolation period;
- 4.4. may end self-isolation, if on the seventh day of leaving the respective country they make a Covid-19 test, determining SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA, and the test result is negative. The person records this fact in a testing certificate;
 - 4.5. informs the student hostel administration about the date of his / her arrival in Latvia. Tenants and potential tenants shall keep their travel ticket and boarding cards and a certification from the place of self-isolation, home quarantine or isolation as a proof to present to the student hostel administration that the person has arrived in Latvia at least 10 days earlier (on the date of issuing this decree) or to other term specified by the country;
 - 4.6. student hostel rooms may be used:
 - 4.6.1. after the end of the self-isolation period, if the person does not show any symptoms of the infection;
 - 4.6.2. after the end of the home quarantine or isolation, if the person had a status of a contact person or a person infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus. The person shall present the student hostel administration a doctor's certification that the person may end his / her home quarantine or isolation.
- 4¹. The person, who has an interoperable vaccination, testing or recovery certificate may skip self-isolation.
- 4². The person who visited a low risk country may also skip self-isolation⁴.
- 4³. Tenants and potential tenants shall constantly follow the information published on the website of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (<https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv>) on the status of different countries (the information is updated once a week on Fridays).
5. If a person cannot reliably prove that he / she is not subject to self-isolation conditions (that he / she came or returned from a country included on the list of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control as a low risk country (including in transit) and the person does not have an interoperable certificate attesting compliance of the person with the requirements of Paragraph 2 of this decree), the student hostel administration shall apply the requirements of this decree, who have arrived from a high or very high risk country.
6. Tenants of the student hostel are obliged to observe the regime of epidemiological restrictions in the student hostel, if:
 - 6.1. infection with SARS-CoV-2 virus has been stated in the person with prescribed stay and treatment at home – observe the isolation regime until the doctor issues a certificate that the isolation may end from a specific date. The tenant shall present the doctor's certificate to the student hostel administration;

⁴ Countries on the list published on the website of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (<https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv/valstu-saslimstibas-raditaji-ar-covid-19-0>), which are not subject to special precautions and restrictive measures.

- 6.2. the person has symptoms of upper respiratory airways disease – to observe provisional isolation until the doctor confirms that there is no infection with Covid-19. To determine the diagnosis, the tenant shall contact his / her family doctor or the RSU Ambulance as soon as possible, but no later than within two working days and shall use the doctor's referral to the Covid-19 diagnostic test. The tenant shall present the doctor's certificate to the student hostel administration;
- 6.3. within the last 14 days the person has had a high-risk contact with other person with confirmed Covid-19 infection (for example, other tenant or employee of the student hostel) – to observe the home quarantine regime (14 days on the day of issuing this decree). Home quarantine may be ended earlier, if the Covid-19 laboratory diagnostics provided a negative test result not earlier than on day 10 of the home quarantine. There is no need for home quarantine for the following persons:
 - 6.3.1. the person, who is vaccinated against Covid-19, starting from the fifteenth day after completion of a full vaccination course with vaccines registered by the European Medicines Agency or equivalent regulatory authority or vaccines approved by the World Health Organisation in accordance with the instructions for vaccine use or from the twenty-second to the ninetieth day after receiving the first dose of the "Vaxzevria" vaccine and immediately after receiving the second dose of "Vaxzevria" vaccine. These persons are obliged within a week after a contact with an infected person to have a Covid-19 test and, if the test is positive, observe the isolation conditions listed in Paragraph 6.1 of this decree. The test result needs to be presented to the student hostel administration;
 - 6.3.2. the person, who can provide documentary evidence of an episode of Covid-19 infection from the time the doctor has stopped the person's isolation until the one hundred and eightieth day after the date of sampling with laboratory-confirmed Covid-19 infection detecting SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA. These persons are obliged within a week after a contact with an infected person to have a Covid-19 test and, if the test is positive, observe the isolation conditions listed in Paragraph 6.1 of this decree. The test result needs to be presented to the student hostel administration.
7. When one of pre-conditions of Paragraph 4, 6 of the decree sets in, the person shall immediately inform the student hostel administration by the following application channels:
 - 7.1. student hostel at 5 Dārza iela, Riga – frontdesk@rsu.lv, tel. +371 27824945.
 - 7.2. student hostel at 17 Mārupes iela, Riga – agenskalns@rsu.lv, tel. +371 20266521.
 - 7.3. student hostel at 3 Hipokrāta iela, Riga – viesnicas@rsu.lv, tel. +371 27835968.
8. If any of the cases referred to in Paragraph 6 of the decree sets in, an emergency situation is announced in the country or special instructions are received from the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the student hostel administration is entitled to move the tenant to other premises (rooms), as well as set other special restrictions or requirements meeting the

epidemiological safety practices. To the extent possible, movement shall be ensured in such a way to separate the following categories of tenants:

- 8.1. the persons who are subject to the isolation regime (persons infected with SARS-CoV-2);
 - 8.2. the persons who are subject to the home quarantine regime (contact persons);
 - 8.3. the persons, who observe provisional isolation (persons with symptoms of acute infectious disease of upper respiratory airways waiting for the Covid-19 test result);
 - 8.4. other tenants, who are not obliged to observe isolation, home quarantine or provisional isolation.
9. Within the scope of the separation referred to in Paragraph 8 of the decree, the student hostel administration shall ensure the following conditions to the extent possible:
- 9.1. the least possible number of tenants live in one room;
 - 9.2. the kitchen, WC, common use premises are separate for each of the tenant categories listed in Paragraph 8 of the decree.
10. Tenants of the student hostel, who have been diagnosed mild or symptomless Covid-19 infection, shall stay in the student hostel room specified by the student hostel administration in the isolation regime without leaving the room. The tenant in isolation should follow all the instructions of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (<https://spkc.gov.lv/lv>).
11. The tenants of the student hostel, who are in isolation, home quarantine or provisional isolation and who need a medical advice, shall act in accordance with the recommendation of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control: in case of mild disease call their family doctor or RSU Ambulance (rsuambulance@rsu.lv; phone number +371 67409236; +371 67409178), but in case of more severe disease call 113.
12. The tenants of the student hostel, who are in isolation, home quarantine or provisional isolation, shall be responsible themselves for purchasing of food, household and hygiene products. The goods can be purchased using the delivery service (ordering over the internet), with the help of friends, relatives, acquaintances, and the Student Union. The delivered goods shall be transferred to the student hostel administration, which transfers them to the tenant observing precautions.
13. Tenants of the student hostel are obliged to follow all the instructions of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, clean and ventilate their rooms on a regular basis. The student hostel administration is entitled to give additional and clarifying instructions to tenants with regard to cleaning, ventilation, disinfection of rooms and observation of distancing requirements.
14. Tenants of the student hostel and RSU employees are obliged to use mouth and nose covers when in common use premises of the student hostel (halls, classrooms and recreation rooms, kitchens, WC, etc.)

15. The moved tenants of the student hostel have to pay their current rent, if rooms of equivalent or higher quality are provided. If tenants are moved to premises of a lower quality, the rent is paid in accordance with the pricelist.
16. Tenants of the student hostel can get the following exceptional rights based on an application to the manager of the student hostel:
 - 16.1. 75% discount on the rent, if they do not stay in the student hostel and wish to temporarily suspend the tenancy agreement keeping the tenancy right of this room, if one of the following conditions applies:
 - 16.1.1. If an emergency situation in relation to the spread of Covid-19 is announced.
 - 16.1.2. If restrictions affecting the on-site study process are applied in Latvia or RSU (applicable from the issuing of the decree to 30 September 2021).
 - 16.2. 100% discount on the rent, if they do not stay in the student hostel and wish to temporarily suspend the tenancy agreement keeping the tenancy right of this room, if one of the following conditions applies:
 - 16.2.1. the tenant should observe provisional isolation or subsequent isolation outside the student hostel and the period of the previously concluded tenancy agreement is at least 3 months counting from the beginning of the provisional isolation.
 - 16.2.2. If there is a quarantine regime in the student hostel and the tenant is not obliged to observe quarantine in the student hostel.
 - 16.3. The tenancy agreement may be suspended and a discount on the rent may be applied in the cases referred to in Paragraphs 16.1 and 16.2 until the respective circumstances, which were the basis for the suspension of the agreement are over (cancellation of the emergency situation in Latvia, cancellation of the quarantine regime in the student hostel, end of provisional isolation or subsequent isolation, family doctor's certificate (form No. 027/u) that the person is not subject to isolation or home quarantine conditions, etc.), but not less than for 7 (seven) days.
 - 16.4. If the tenant does not meet the requirements of Paragraph 2 of the decree, each of the parties is entitled to terminate the tenancy agreement immediately. In this case the tenant is obliged to vacate the student hostel removing his / her personal belongings. If the tenant cannot remove personal belongings, this can be done by the person specified by the tenant in the application to the student hostel and who meets the requirements specified in Paragraph 2 of the decree. In case of termination of the tenancy agreement RSU shall repay the paid security deposit to the tenants, keeping the outstanding rent, payment for the services provided, penalties and uncovered losses, when necessary.
 - 16.5. The discounts specified in Paragraphs 16.1 and 16.2 of the decree are not applied retrospectively.

17. The student hostel can be examined and the tenancy agreement can be signed by prior appointment at a specific time. Appointments shall be organised by the manager of the student hostel.
18. Tenants and RSU employees shall use the gym of the student hostel in accordance with the following procedure:
 - 18.1. do sports from 6:00 to 22:00, the visit shall not exceed one hour;
 - 18.2. the gym may be attended by the persons having an interoperable certificate attesting that the person:
 - 18.2.1. is vaccinated Covid-19 infection and fourteen days have passed after the completion of the full vaccination course with the vaccines recognised by the European Medicines Agency or an equivalent regulatory authority, or the World Health Organisation in accordance with instructions for vaccine use or from the twenty-second to the ninetieth day after receiving the first dose of the “Vaxzevria” vaccine and immediately after receiving the second dose of “Vaxzevria” vaccine;
 - 18.2.2. has had Covid-19 infection and eleven, but not more than 180 days have passed since the sampling date with a positive test result within a single illness episode, by which a Covid-19 infection was laboratory-confirmed, determining SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA;
 - 18.2.3. had a Covid-19 test in the last 48 hours determining SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA, and it was negative, or the SARS-CoV-2 antigen test performed in the last 6 hours is negative;
 - 18.3. no more than the specified number of persons do sports at the same time, registering the beginning and the end of use of the gym by the manager of the student hostel. The administrator of the student hostel shall register visitors of the gym by specifying their name, surname and contact information. The student hostel administrator shall verify compliance of the person with the requirements of Sub-Paragraph 18.2 of the decree, maximum number of persons in gyms of student hostels:
 - 18.3.1. 5 Dārza iela, Riga – 1 person;
 - 18.3.2. 17 Mārupes iela, Riga – 1 person;
 - 18.3.3. 3 Hipokrāta iela, Riga – 1 person;
 - 18.4. the gym visitor should present an interoperable certificate specified in Sub-Paragraph 18.2 of the decree and a personal identification document (passport or ID card);
 - 18.5. exercisers should disinfect equipment before and after its use;
 - 18.6. depending on weather conditions the gym shall be ventilated constantly or at least for 15 minutes every 2 hours. Ventilation shall be organised by the student hostel administrator;

- 18.7. Administrators shall issue the key or access card to the gym to tenants and RSU employees recording the time of issuing and receiving of the key. Administrators shall control the number of persons in the gym and the duration of their stay.
19. The student hostel administration should ensure that tenants' guests and unauthorised persons are not allowed in the hostel. The RSU structural units in student hostels shall welcome visitors in accordance with Paragraphs 3.1, 4.1, 5.1 and 7.4 of the Procedure.
20. I appoint the following persons as responsible for the fulfilment of this decree, as well as for ensuring distancing, hygiene and personal health supervision measures defined in the Procedure in student hostels:
 - 20.1. In the student hostel at 5 Dārza iela, Rīga (Dzirciems) – the manager of the student hostel D. Baumanis, tel. +371 67060877, e-mail: Davis.Baumanis@rsu.lv;
 - 20.2. In the student hostel at 17 Mārupes iela, Rīga (Āgenskalns) – the manager of the student hostel K. Viļumova, tel. +371 67060865, e-mail: Kristine.Vilumova@rsu.lv;
 - 20.3. In the student hostel at 3 Hipokrāta iela, Rīga (Mežciems) – the manager of the student hostel D. Sileniece, tel. +371 67538258, e-mail: Daina.Sileniece@rsu.lv.
21. I appoint L. Jirgena, the Head of the Student Hostel Department, tel. +371 67060864, e-mail address: Lelde.Jirjena@rsu.lv, as the person responsible for ensuring the information duty defined in the Procedure in all student hostels.
22. The Student Hostel Department should ensure information of tenants and potential tenants of student hostels about this decree. Tenants of student hostels may read the RSU laws and regulations related to the restriction of the spread of Covid-19 on the RSU website: <https://www.rsu.lv/covid-19>.
23. Tenants of student hostels are obliged to observe the laws and regulations in the field of restriction of the spread of Covid-19 and epidemiological safety, including, but not limited to the Law on the Management of the Spread of COVID-19 Infection, available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/315278-covid-19-infekcijas-izplatibas-parvaldibas-likums>, Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 360 of 9 June 2020 “Epidemiological Safety Measures for the Containment of the Spread of COVID-19 Infection”, available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/315304>.
24. If this decree is not observed, the person shall be responsible for all the material losses inflicted by its act to the University or third parties (for example, expenses on additional disinfection, rental of premises, medical costs). The losses inflicted by tenants shall be deducted from the security deposit.
25. With the issuing of this decree the RSU Rector's decree No. 5-1/403/2020 of 22 September 2020 “On special precautionary measures in RSU student hostels for the containment of the spread of Covid-19 infection” shall cease to be valid.
26. Employees of the Rector's Office:

26.1. to familiarise with this decree the Director of the Department of Infrastructure D. Zemešs, the Head of the Student Hostel Department L. Jirjena, Managers of student hostels D. Baumanis, K. Viļumova and D. Sileniece, the Director of the Development and Project Department I. Kalviņa, the Manager of the Publishing and Printing Unit T. Nigulis, the Head of the Building Management and Maintenance Unit L. Skrodele.

26.2. to inform about this decree the Vice-Rector for Studies T. Koķe, the Vice-Rector for Health Studies G. Bahs, the Vice-Rector for Science A. Kiopa, the Vice-Rector for Administration and Development T. Baumanis, the Director of the Finance Department M. Hramcova, the Director of the International Department B. Pētersone, the Dean of the International Student Department S. Žermanos, the Head of the Technical and Transportation Unit A. Miončinskis, the Chairperson of the RSU Student Union's Board P. Feldmane.

27. Employees of the Quality Assurance and Internal Audit Department should ensure the availability of the decree in the RSU Documentation Center.

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