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On special precautions at RSU Halls of Residence to limit the spread of Covid-19 infection

In order to reduce the possibility of the spread of Covid-19 infection at Rīga Stradiņš University (hereinafter referred to as RSU) Halls of Residence at 5 Dārza iela, 17 Mārupes iela and 3 Hipokrāta iela, Rīga (hereinafter all together referred to as the Halls) based on the sub-paragraph 26.1 of the Cabinet Regulations No.360 of 9 June 2020 “Epidemiological Precautions to Limit the Spread of Covid-19 Infection”, and having regard to the amendments to these Regulations by 17 September, as well as in compliance with the paragraph 1.2 of the “Procedure for the implementation of precautions for the containment of the spread of Covid-19 infection at Rīga Stradiņš University” (approved by RSU Rector’s Decree No.5-1/349/2020 of 17.08.2020; hereinafter referred to as the Procedure), paragraph 1.6 and sub-paragraph 3.1.2 of the Internal Rules and Regulations at Rīga Stradiņš University Hall of Residence at 5 Dārza iela, Rīga (approved by RSU Rector’s Decree No. 5-1/355/2020 of 24.08.2020; paragraph 1.6 and sub-paragraph 3.1.2 of the Internal Rules and Regulations at Rīga Stradiņš University Hall of Residence at 17 Mārupes iela, Rīga (approved by RSU Rector’s Decree No. 501/314/2020 of 28.07.2020) and paragraph 1.6 and sub-paragraph 3.1.2 of the Internal Rules and Regulations at Rīga Stradiņš University Hall of Residence at 3 Hipokrāta iela, Rīga (approved by RSU Rector’s Decree No. 5-1/314/2020 of 28.07.2020):

it is DECREED that:

1. In addition to the general precautions set out in the Procedure for limiting the spread of Covid-19 infection, the following special precautions shall be prescribed in the Halls.
2. This Decree shall be binding on all potential tenants, tenants and guests of the Halls, as well as the employees of the Halls and employees of RSU structural units located in the Halls (hereinafter all together referred to as RSU employees).

3. Tenants and potential tenants of the Halls, who return or arrive in Latvia from abroad (including in transit), which are included in the list specified by the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control with a medium or serious risk to public health, and for which no exceptions are specified, shall:
 - 3.1. observe self-isolation for 10 days (on the date of issuing this Decree) or any other term specified in the country outside RSU Halls and, if a Covid-19 disease is detected during self-isolation, isolation also shall be observed (hereinafter referred to as subsequent isolation), and shall inform the Hall Administration by means of the notification channels: frontdesk@rsu.lv, phone: +371 27824945 If the tenant has previously concluded the tenancy agreement with a term of at least three months from the beginning of self-isolation, no invoices shall be issued for that period. If the tenancy agreement concluded by the tenant is shorter than three months from the beginning of self-isolation, the rent of 25% must be paid for the period of self-isolation;
 - 3.2. inform the Hall Administration about the date of his/her arrival in Latvia. Tenants and potential tenants shall keep the travel ticket or a statement from the place of self-isolation as proof to be presented to the Hall Administration that the person has arrived in Latvia at least 10 days in advance (on the date of issuing this Decree) or within other term specified in the country;
 - 3.3. the use of the premises of the Hall may be started:
 - 3.3.1. after the expiry of the self-isolation period, if the person does not have any symptoms of the infection;
 - 3.3.2. after the expiry of the self-isolation and subsequent isolation period, if the person has been diagnosed with Covid-19. A person shall present the Hall Administration a medical certificate from a doctor that the (strict) isolation may be stopped;
 - 3.3.3. not observing the prescribed self-isolation period, if the person has suffered from Covid-19 and has recovered. The person presents the Hall Administration a medical certificate from a general practitioner (form No.027/u) that the person is not subject to self-isolation requirements.
4. If a person cannot conclusively prove that he or she has arrived or returned from a country included in the list specified by the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control with a low risk to public health (including in transit), the Hall Administration shall apply the requirements of this Decree related to persons who arrived from a country with a medium or serious risk to public health.
5. Tenants of the Hall shall be obliged to comply with the relevant epidemiological restriction regime in the Hall if:
 - 5.1. a person has been diagnosed with Covid-19 with certain treatment at home: to observe isolation until a medical certificate from a doctor is issued that the (strict) isolation may be stopped by a certain date. The tenant shall present a statement of a doctor to the Hall Administration;
 - 5.2. when a person develops symptoms of the upper respiratory tract infection: to observe self-isolation until the doctor confirms that there is no Covid-19. For diagnosis, the tenant shall contact his or her family doctor or RSU Health Centre as soon as possible, but not later than within two working days. The tenant shall present a medical certificate from a doctor to the Hall Administration;

- 5.3. during the last 14 days, a person has been in contact with another person who has been confirmed to have Covid-19 (for example, with another tenant of the Hall): to observe the quarantine at home until the date specified by the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, (14 days on the date of issuing this Decree).
6. It is recommended that a tenant of the Hall observes self-isolation if a person has undergone a Covid-19 test on voluntary basis and the test results are awaited: until the receipt of the test results. The tenant shall present an appropriate statement of the test results to the Hall Administration.
7. If any of the preconditions of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the Decree are met, the person shall immediately inform the Hall Administration of the fact by means of the notification channels - frontdesk@rsu.lv, phone No: +371 27824945
8. If any of the cases referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Decree arises, the state of emergency has been declared in the country or special instructions from the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control have been received, the Hall Administration shall have the right to unilaterally move tenants to other premises (rooms), as well as to impose other special restrictions or requirements. Relocation shall be ensured in such a way as to separate the following categories of tenants as far as possible:
 - 8.1. persons in isolation who have been diagnosed with Covid-19;
 - 8.2. persons who are in quarantine or self-isolation at home, but who have not been diagnosed with Covid-19;
 - 8.3. other tenants who are not required to abide by isolation, home quarantine or self-isolation.
9. Within the limits of the separation referred to in paragraph 7 of the Decree, the Hall Administration shall, as far as possible, ensure the following conditions:
 - 9.1. as few tenants as possible reside in one room;
 - 9.2. the kitchen, sanitary facilities, communal areas shall be separate for each of the categories of tenants referred to in paragraph 7 of the Decree.
10. Tenants of the Hall who have been diagnosed with a mild form of Covid-19 shall undergo treatment in isolation mode in the room assigned to them, without leaving it. The tenant should follow all the instructions of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (<https://spkc.gov.lv/lv>), to perform self-isolation duties and home treatment as required.
11. Tenants of the Hall, who are in isolation, home quarantine or self-isolation and who need medical advice, shall follow the recommendations of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control: in mild cases calling their family doctor or RSU Health Centre (rsuambulance@rsu.lv; phone number: +371 67409236; +371 67409178), but in more severe cases calling 113.
12. Tenants of the Hall, who are in isolation or home quarantine, shall be responsible for purchasing food, household and hygiene goods. Goods can be purchased through a delivery service (by ordering on the Internet), with the help of friends, relatives, acquaintances and the Student Union. The delivered goods are handed over to the Hall Administration, which hands them over to the tenants, taking

precautions. Tenants who are in self-isolation are advised to comply with these rules.

13. Tenants of the Hall are obliged to follow all the instructions of the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and to regularly clean and ventilate their residential spaces (rooms). The Hall Administration has the right to provide additional and clarifying instructions to tenants regarding the cleaning and disinfection of premises and compliance with the requirements for social distancing.
14. Tenants of the Hall and RSU employees shall be obliged to independently ensure at least 2 face masks on site, and they are advised to carry one face mask (in packaging) with them. At the request of the Hall Administration, tenants of the Hall and RSU employees shall be obliged to use face masks in shared areas (corridors, training and recreation rooms, kitchens, toilets, gym, etc.) The Hall Administration shall notify of the obligation to start using face masks usually 2 days in advance, by sending an by e-mail.
15. For relocated tenants of the Hall, the rent shall be retained in the amount of the existing rent if premises (rooms) of equivalent or higher quality are provided. If the new premises are of lower quality for the relocated tenants, the rent shall be applied according to the price list.
16. If a state of emergency regarding the spread of Covid-19 is declared in Latvia or restrictions are announced that affect the face-to-face study process, or the tenant has to observe self-isolation or subsequent isolation outside the Hall, the tenant of the Hall who is not obliged to observe isolation, home quarantine or self-isolation in the Hall, shall have the following right when an application to the Head of the Hall is submitted:
 - 16.1. temporarily suspend the operation of the tenancy agreement, leaving the rented room or not commencing its use, as appropriate, if the tenant wishes to maintain the tenancy right to that room. During the suspension of the tenancy agreement, the tenant shall pay the rent of 25%, but if the tenant has to observe self-isolation or subsequent isolation outside the Hall and the term of the previously concluded tenancy agreement is at least 3 months from the beginning of the self-isolation, the rent is not calculated. The tenancy agreement may be suspended, respectively, until the revocation of the state of emergency in Latvia, until the removal of restrictions on the study process, until the end of the period of self-isolation or subsequent isolation or until the date specified in the medical certificate from the general practitioner (form No.027/u) that the person is not subject to the requirements of self-isolation outside the Hall, but not later than by the end of the study semester;
 - 16.2. terminate the tenancy agreement immediately and leave the Hall taking personal belongings. If the tenant has to observe self-isolation or subsequent isolation outside the Hall, the personal belongings shall be taken by a person, whom the tenant indicates in the application to the Head of the Hall. In case of termination of the tenancy agreement, RSU shall repay the security deposit paid.

17. Inspection of the Halls and signing of tenancy agreements shall be carried out by prior appointment at a specified time. The appointment shall be organised by the Head of the Hall.
18. Tenants and RSU employees shall use the Hall gym according to the following procedure:
 - 18.1. they do sports in the period from 7:00 to 24:00, not exceeding the time of the visit of one hour;
 - 18.2. not more than a certain number of people shall do sports at the same time by signing up with the Hall Administrator at the beginning and end of the use of the gym. Maximum number of people in the Hall gyms shall be the following:
 - 18.2.1. at 5 Dārza iela, Riga - 5 people,
 - 18.2.2. at 17 Mārupes iela, Riga - 2 people,
 - 18.2.3. at 3 Hipokrāta iela, Riga - 1 person;
 - 18.3. social distancing of 2 metres shall be observed as far as possible;
 - 18.4. athletes shall sanitise the equipment before and after its use;
 - 18.5. the gym shall be ventilated continuously or at least for 15 minutes every 2 hours, depending on the weather conditions. The ventilation shall be organised by the Hall Administrator;
 - 18.6. Administrators shall hand out the gym key or access card to tenants and RSU employees, recording the time when the keys are given out and when they are returned. Administrators also shall control the number of people in the gym and the duration of their stay in it.
19. The Hall Administration shall ensure that tenants' guests and unauthorised persons are not allowed in the Hall. RSU structural units located in the Halls shall admit visitors in accordance with paragraphs 3.1; 4.1; 5.1 and 7.4 of the Procedure.
20. The following persons shall be appointed as being responsible for the execution of this Decree, as well as for provision of measures for supervision of social distancing, hygiene and personal health condition in the Halls:
 - 20.1. D.Baumanis, Head of the Hall of Residence at 5 Dārza iela, Riga (Dzirciems), phone: +371 67060877, e-mail: Davis.Baumanis@rsu.lv;
 - 20.2. L.Velmere, Head of the Hall of Residence at 17 Mārupes iela, Riga (Āgenskalns), phone: +371 26106149, e-mail: Leontine.Velmere@rsu.lv;
 - 20.3. D.Sileniece, Head of the Hall of Residence at 3 Hipokrāta iela, Riga (Mežciems), phone: +371 67538258, e-mail: Daina.Sileniece@rsu.lv.
21. D.Unferihta, the Acting Head of the Student Accommodation Unit, shall be appointed as the person responsible for ensuring the information in all the Halls, specified in the Procedure, phone: +371 67060878, e-mail: Daiga.Unferihta@rsu.lv.
22. The Student Accommodation Unit shall ensure that tenants and potential tenants of the Halls are informed of this Decree.
23. In the event of non-compliance with this Decree, the person shall be liable for all financial losses caused to the University or third parties by his/her action (for

example, for expenses for additional sanitisation, rent of premises, medical expenses). Losses caused by tenants shall be deducted from the security deposit.

24. The issuance of this Decree results in the annulment of RSU Rector's Decree No.5-1/371/2020 of 7 September 2020 "On special precautions at RSU Halls of Residence to limit the spread of Covid-19 infection".
25. The Records Management and Archives Department
 - 25.1. shall acquaint the following people with this Decree: D. Zemešs, Director of the Department of Infrastructure; D. Unferihta, the Acting Head of the Student Accommodation Unit, D.Baumane, L.Velmerē and D. Sileniece, Heads of the Halls of Residence; I. Kalviņa, Director of the Development and Project Department; I.Cipruse, S. Bartuševiča and I. Baltuss, Project Managers; L.Klimavičiusa, Finance Manager for Projects; M.Menniks, Manager of the Centre; T.Nigulis, Head of the Publishing and Printing Department; A.Lapsa, Chief Editor; I.Kokoreviča, I.Mikažāne, I.Orleja and J.Zeimanis, Editors; I.Lievīte, Literary Editor; M.Brasliņš, Artist-Layout Designer; S.Bērziņa, Specialist for Processing of Printed Material; V.Liepiņa, Craft Printer; I.Stikāne, Graphic Designer; I.Galiņa, Office Administrator; L.Lūka, Supply Manager of the Building Management and Maintenance Unit; G.Dadze, Supply Specialist; M.Dūze, Procurement Specialist;
 - 25.2. and 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; M.Hramcova, Director of the Finance Department; L.Skrodele, Head of the Building Management and Maintenance Unit; A.Miončinskis, Head of the Technical and Transportation Unit; A.J.Gauja, President of the Student Union's Board
26. The Quality Assurance and Internal Audit Department shall ensure the availability of this Decree in RSU Document Centre.

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