



RECTOR'S DECREE

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Rīga

No 5-1/115/2020

On epidemiological safety measures concerning the organisation of the study process in relation to the spread of COVID-19

To reduce the risks to the health of students, staff and visitors at Rīga Stradiņš University (RSU), as well as to the continuity of research and scientific activity at RSU,

it is DECREED that:

1. Epidemiological safety measures relating to the spread of COVID-19 shall be introduced from 11 March 2020 for an indefinite period till the issue of further orders, including restrictions on the organisation of the study process.
2. With regard to the organisation of the study process:
 - 2.1. Delivery of on-site lectures shall be discontinued;
 - 2.2. Implementation of on-site classes shall be continued according to the timetable, but following the changes in it;
 - 2.3. The study process shall be conducted through an e-learning environment, including video lecture format;
 - 2.4. Heads of the Study Programmes shall be obliged to ensure that the implementation of study process activities on the site of third parties (medical facilities, clinical base units, placement sites, etc.) on behalf of RSU strictly follows the epidemiological safety measures and other guidelines of these institutions.
3. **With the greatest responsibility to assess the possibility of cancelling the planned foreign trips** to the affected countries specified by the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (hereinafter - the CDPC) (the list of countries is regularly updated, the link to the CDPC website: <https://spkc.gov.lv/lv/aktualitates/get/nid/769>), **as well as to other foreign countries.**
4. **If, however, the student intends to travel to the affected countries specified by the CDPC, the student shall be obliged to inform the Dean by e-mail 2 working days prior to the departure to the designated countries of the specific countries and dates of departure.**
5. **If the student has stayed in the countries referred to by the CDPC for a period not exceeding 14 (fourteen) days prior to the issuance of this Decree and has returned to the Republic of Latvia:**

- 5.1. the student shall immediately inform the Dean of the Faculty electronically regarding this fact, the relevant country(-ies) and dates;
- 5.2. the student shall not come to the study and research premises of RSU and shall not make face-to-face contact with RSU students, staff or other personnel related to RSU activities, as well as shall self-isolate (home quarantine);
- 5.3. The Study Department together with the Dean and the Head of the Study Programme shall decide on changes in the study process for this student, including on distance learning on a temporary basis.
6. **If the student has nevertheless travelled to the countries specified by the CDPC after the issuance of this decree and is preparing to return to the Republic of Latvia:**
- 6.1. The student shall inform the Dean electronically at least 2 working days before returning to Latvia, indicating the country of departure and the period of absence;
- 6.2. During the first 14 (fourteen) days after returning to the Republic of Latvia, the student shall not come to the study and research premises of RSU and shall not make face-to-face contact with RSU students, staff or other personnel related to RSU activities, as well as shall self-isolate (home quarantine);
- 6.3. The Study Department together with the Dean and the Head of the Study Programme shall decide on changes in the study process, if considered possible;
- 6.4. The student shall be aware that changes to the study process are not guaranteed. The student shall take sole responsibility for any consequences of failure to comply with his/her academic and/or other obligations on time or in full;
- 6.5. If the student is a tenant of RSU Student Hostel, RSU shall suspend the rental contract for 14 (fourteen) days after returning to the Republic of Latvia (*force majeure*), as a result of which the student shall not live in the Student Hostel, shall find a place of residence independently for that period and shall self-isolate (home quarantine). The tenant shall not be charged any bills for this period of time;
- 6.6. The Dean shall inform the student by means of distance communication of the decisions taken in respect of the student.
7. **Students** shall be aware that other epidemiological safety measures may be prescribed; they shall undertake to comply with them immediately and fully and **shall undertake to follow the information on both RSU website and e-mail address assigned by RSU on a daily basis.**
8. Students shall be obliged to monitor their health on their own, and in the event of any signs of the virus, shall immediately act in accordance with the recommendations made by the CDPC (link to the website: <https://spkc.gov.lv/lv/>), avoiding risks to the health of others through their actions (action or inaction).
9. Students are also required to follow official information and recommendations both on the CDPC website and in other sources related to COVID-19.

10. The future academic process at RSU may be altered and planned in accordance with the circumstances created by the epidemiological situation and public safety requirements.
11. Failure by a student to fulfil the obligations laid down in this Decree may be regarded as a serious breach of the study contract with appropriate consequences, including the possibility of being excluded from the list of students and the obligation to cover losses and damage to individuals and legal entities.
12. The International Student Department, Deans and the Student Union shall organise an information campaign regarding the measures specified in this Decree and the consequences of non-compliance.
13. The Records Management and Archives Department shall introduce all the employees and A.J.Gauja, the President of the Board of the Student Union to this Decree.

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