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On organisation of the study process under conditions of the spread of Covid-19 infection

In order to ensure the study, research and scientific activity of Rīga Stradiņš University (hereinafter - RSU) under conditions of the spread of Covid-19 infection, reducing the health risks to students, staff and guests and observing the mandatory epidemiological safety measures and restrictions imposed in the country, as well as taking into consideration the principles of action included in Section 1, Paragraph three, and Section 2, Paragraph one, Clause two 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 pursuant to the provisions of the Cabinet Regulation No. 662. of 28 September 2021 "Epidemiological Safety Measures to Limit the Spread of Covid-19 Infection" and taking into account the mandatory requirements set out in the country for the on-site implementation and acquisition of the study programmes at higher education institutions:

it is DECREED that:

1. Considering the positive experience gained during the pandemic in achieving learning outcomes by organising remote studies, as well as the need to ensure the control of student flows during on-site studies, the study process shall be carried out on site, keeping in mind that the study process may be organised remotely up to 50% of the amount of the study programme." In order to ensure the supervision of the proportion of on-site and remote studies, a Study Process Analyst of the Academic Affairs Department shall collect data on the type of studies (on-site or remote) in the study programmes and the proportion thereof upon request.

2. RSU staff (including administrative and technical staff, as well as service providers who come into contact with students) may participate in the on-site implementation of studies and other RSU educational programmes only with a valid interoperable vaccination certificate or recovery certificate.

3. Everyone shall participate in the on-site education process wearing face masks (except in the case of a person staying alone in the room) and, as far as possible, observing social distancing.

4. RSU students need to have a valid vaccination or recovery certificate to participate in the placement or practical part of the study programme outside RSU premises in the following study courses:

4.1. Faculty of Medicine: Medicine (including Paediatrics);

4.2. Faculty of Dentistry: Dentistry; Dental Hygiene;

4.3. Faculty of Public Health and Social Welfare: Nursing Studies, Midwifery, Health Psychology;

4.4. RSU Liepāja Branch: Medical Massage, Physician's Assistant;

4.5. Faculty of Rehabilitation: Audiology and Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy. Art therapy, Orthotics and Prosthetics, Nutrition;

4.6. Faculty of Pharmacy: Clinical Pharmacy.

5. Having assessed the epidemiological situation and considering the specific nature of the study programme, the Dean, in cooperation with the Head of the study programme, may issue a decree regarding implementation of certain study courses (including placements) or modules of the study programme fully or partially remotely ensuring that the quality of studies is not reduced, taking into consideration the provisions laid down in Paragraph 1 of the Decree and informing the Academic Affairs Department about it. In assessing the epidemiological situation and taking into account the specific nature of the study programme, the Dean may, by informing the Academic Affairs Department, determine the conduct of a remote study process for a specific study course or group of students. The Dean shall draft and communicate the particular decision in a manner (e.g. notification by e-mail) that ensures immediate notification of the information.

6. The following organisational and epidemiological safety measures shall be introduced into on-site study process:

6.1. The Dean or Head of the Department shall appoint the person in charge of checking the person's compliance with the requirements specified in Paragraph 4 of the Decree.

6.2. The Human Resources Department, in cooperation with the immediate superior of the employee concerned, shall ensure that the employee who does not comply with the requirements laid down in Paragraph 2 of this Decree does not participate in the on-site implementation of studies and other RSU educational programmes. If the complete fulfilment of the job responsibilities of such an employee is only possible by performing the duties partly or fully on site, provisions of the Section 7³ of the Law on the Management of the Spread of Covid-19 Infection shall be applied.

7. Each RSU employee and the students referred to in Paragraph 4 of this Decree (hereinafter - the Person) 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.

8. The Heads of the study programmes and students shall have the duty to ensure that the epidemiological safety requirements and other instructions of the third parties (medical institutions, clinical base units, placement locations, etc.) are strictly followed by RSU and RSU students when carrying out study activities, including placements, at third parties.

9. The Finance Department shall provide analytical accounting of the costs incurred due to the implementation of the precautionary measures related to Covid-19 that RSU has covered from its own financial resources, indicating increase or reduction of costs (compared to the period from 1 August to 31 December 2019) under the following expenditure items and in accordance with the following categories of economic classification of budgetary expenditure:

9.1. remuneration and compulsory social security contributions;

9.2. RSU maintenance costs, which are not specified in Sub-paragraph 9.1 or 9.3 of the Decree;

9.3. expenditure on goods and services;

9.4. capital expenditure.

10. The further academic process at RSU may be changed and planned according to the conditions created by the epidemiological situation and public safety requirements.

11. The failure of 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 to be excluded from the University and the obligation to cover losses and damage to natural and legal persons.

12. Deans, the Student Union and the Communication Department shall inform all relevant persons about the measures specified in this Decree.

13. With the issuance of this Decree, the Rector's Decree No.5-1/434/2021 of 23 August 2021 "On organisation of the study process under conditions of the spread of Covid-19 infection" and the Procedure/Safety Protocol for the implementation of precautions for the containment of the spread of Covid-19 infection at Rīga Stradiņš University approved by it shall become invalid.

14. A new version of RSU internal regulation "Procedure/Safety protocol for the implementation of precautions for the containment of the spread of Covid -19 infection at Rīga Stradiņš University" (hereinafter - the Procedure) shall be approved (in the Appendix to the Decree).

15. The staff of the Administration Office shall acquaint all employees and the President of the Student Union's Board with this Decree."

16. This Decree shall enter into force on 1 April 2022.

Appended: Procedure/Safety Protocol for the implementation of precautions for the containment of the spread of Covid-19 infection at Rīga Stradiņš University on 9 pages.

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