

GUIDELINES FOR ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS ARRIVING AT TUKE FOR THE WINTER SEMESTER 2020/2021

Dear Students,

With the approaching winter semester at TUKE, we would like to update you on the current inbound travel-related measures aimed at minimizing the risk of COVID-19 spread, as well as on the health and safety measures which will be in place at TUKE throughout the winter semester.

For us at TUKE, the safety and wellbeing of all our students and colleagues is paramount. We, therefore, continue monitoring the situation and reviewing the measures in place in order to ensure the safest possible environment for all our students and staff on campus in line with our government advice (namely the Slovak Ministry of Health; the Slovak Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport, and the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic).

You can find several useful links to information related to the pandemic at the end of these guidelines.

Before you arrive in Slovakia

Slovak epidemiologists have recently updated anti-coronavirus measures and extended the list of epidemiologically unsafe or risky countries (the so-called Red List) as of **September 1st, 2020**. New countries have been added to the Red List, namely: Croatia, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium and Malta.

Below you will find detailed instructions regarding your arrival in Slovakia. Please note that students arriving from non-EU countries must present the TUKE Letter of Acceptance when entering Slovakia.

Students arriving from the [Red List](#) countries

If you are arriving from a country on the Red List, you must fill out the [registration form](#) and present a **negative COVID-19 test** that is less than **96** hours old upon arrival to the Slovak border police or to the nearest [Regional Public Health Authority](#).

After arrival, you have to **quarantine**, i.e. stay in “home” isolation for 5 days, during which you are not allowed to enter the TUKE campus. You will be allowed to enter once your quarantine ends and you present a negative COVID-19 test taken in Slovakia.

Incoming students can use the TUKE quarantine facility in Košice (Rampová 7) for their 5-day isolation. In the coming days, you will receive an email from the TUKE dormitory management team, in which you will be asked whether or not you wish to book a place in the quarantine facility. If you wish to do so, please respond to their email asap. Check-in will be available only on **17 September 2020** (from 8 AM until 6PM). For capacity reasons, students will be accommodated in a fully occupied unit (2 persons + 2 persons).

In case this date does not correspond with your scheduled arrival in Košice, you will need to book a room in one of the Košice hotels or find a short-term rental at Airbnb.com for the quarantine days of your stay.

On **Day 5** of your quarantine at the earliest, you must make an appointment for a new COVID-19 test. Before you take the test, you must arrange for a COVID-19-PASS without which the test cannot be performed. The PCR test for COVID-19 will be **free of charge** for all the residents of the TUKE quarantine facility (Rampová 7, Košice). The test result will be available within 48 hours during which you must remain in quarantine.

Isolation time and quarantine accommodation costs should be covered by your Erasmus+ Grant Agreement which you have signed with your home university.

The **quarantine ends** once you receive negative test results, in which case you are allowed to enter the TUKE campus and check in at the TUKE dormitory (where you have previously booked a room/bed).

Students arriving from the [Green List](#) countries

If you are arriving from a country on the Green List, you must present a **negative COVID-19 test** taken on the territory of Slovakia. You can make an appointment directly with one of the private diagnostics companies in Košice, e.g.: Medirex (<https://www.laboratornadiagnostika.sk/en>), Synlab (<https://www.synlab.com/>), Alpha Medical (<https://www.alphamedical.sk/o-nas>), etc...

Your semester at TUKE

As for the way teaching will be conducted in the winter semester, we are fully committed to delivering as much on-campus learning as possible from September 21st, 2020 in order to ensure consistent, high-quality experience for all our students. However, some of our faculties are considering conducting their lectures online to avoid larger gatherings. Should the situation allow it, we will provide on-campus tuition in all of our courses.

Our on-campus delivery will be carried out in line with government advice and instruction, which includes wearing facial masks, hand sanitizing, and following the appropriate social distancing requirements. Our timetabling will be managed to avoid large gatherings of students and to minimize the number of days per week that students will need to travel to the campus.

As for the health and safety measures on the campus, all the high traffic common areas in university buildings on campus will receive a regular deep clean with anti-viral disinfectant and hand sanitizer points will be installed in all university buildings.

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22476754/new-countries-on-the-red-list-quarantine-shortened.html> (in English)

<https://korona.gov.sk/en/> (in English).

<https://www.mzv.sk/cestovanie/covid19/obmedzenia-na-hraniciach> (in Slovak)

<http://www.sdaj.tuke.sk/aktuality.php> (in Slovak)

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