

Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra



**Rector's order no. 8/2021,
determining the organization of the educational process at
SUA in Nitra for the academic year 2021/2022**

Year 2021

In accordance with the Art. 10 par. 1 of the Organizational Rules of the SUA in Nitra, based on the publication of COVID AUTOMAT – System for monitoring the development of the epidemic and taking anti-epidemic measures depending on the intensity of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 disease) and valid regulations of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic I issue this

Order

Measures to maintain the presence and practical teaching at SUA in Nitra

During September, an anonymous electronic survey on the status of vaccination against COVID-19 will be carried out among employees and students of SUA in Nitra via UIS.

Contact person for the information service for employees and students regarding the epidemic situation and the COVID-19 disease (hereinafter referred to as the "contact person of the university").

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All employees and students of SUA in Nitra are obliged to get acquainted with the current **[Covid Automat](#)** (System for monitoring the development of the epidemic and taking anti-epidemic measures depending on the intensity of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 disease), which evaluates and informs about the current epidemic situation in a combined way and informs about the risk at the level of individual districts.

Automatic risk measures according the Covid Automat are set out in three protocols:

1. basis – all persons, regardless of their possible vaccination, overcoming the disease or the result of testing.

2. "VTO" – only persons who are:

- a) fully vaccinated,
- b) tested (at the check in – PCR 72 hours from sample collection, in the case of Ag 48 hours), or
- c) the person has overcome the COVID-19 illness in the past 180 days.

3. fully vaccinated persons – persons, who are:

- a) 14 days after applying the second dose of the two-dose vaccine, or
- b) 21 days after applying the single - dose vaccine, or
- c) 14 days after applying of any dose if the person has contracted COVID-19 in the last 180 days.

Epidemic measures to ensure presence teaching at SUA in Nitra

Upon entering the university premises, students, staff and university visits are required to:

- properly cover the upper respiratory tract (nose and mouth) in the interior of SUA in

- Nitra using a face mask or other preventive protective device according the valid regulations of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic and compliance with anti-epidemic measures in accordance with other applicable regulations of PHA SR,
- properly cover the upper respiratory tract (nose and mouth) in the exterior of SUA in Nitra using a face mask or other preventive protective device according the valid regulations of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, if the student participates at a mass event held at SUA in Nitra except for exceptions as defined in the decree of RHA SR,
 - emphasize increased hand hygiene (frequent washing and disinfection of hands); everyone is obliged to disinfect their hands when entering the university premises,
 - provide frequent and intensive ventilation in areas where more than one meets,
 - to limit the meeting of students of other faculties, grades, study groups,
 - prevent the formation of groups in the interior of the university after the end of presence teaching,
 - strictly comply with the currently valid decrees and measures of the PHA SR.

A person with symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection that could correspond to COVID-19 symptoms such as fever over 37 ° C, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of appetite or loss of smell does is not allowed to enter the premises and facilities of SUA.

If a student or university employee develops symptoms of COVID-19 during participation in educational activities or during the working day, he or she immediately leaves the university using a face mask also outdoors, contacts his / her doctor, and moves to a place of home isolation.

The student immediately informs the university teacher or employee participating in the teaching and the contact person of the university about the suspicion of COVID-19 and confirmation of the COVID-19 disease by telephone or e-mail.

After confirming the COVID-19 disease, the student will state close contacts - university staff and students who came into close contact with him/her during the two days before the day of sampling of biological material or two days before the onset of clinical signs of the disease.

Before the beginning of the academic year (September 20), all students, including doctoral students, will fill in an electronic questionnaire about their health condition and traveling abroad for the last 14 days before starting the presence method of education (Appendix No. 2)

Organization of studies at the bachelor's, master and doctoral level of study in full-time and part-time form of study

The educational process is carried out in accordance with the Schedule of teaching at SUA in Nitra for the academic year 2021/2022. In case of a change in the study schedule due to the worsening epidemic situation, this change will be announced by the university in due time.

The education of students **in the full-time form study** will be performed **by a combined method (lectures by distance form and exercises by presence form).**

The education of students **in the external form of study** will be performed **by the distance method or according to the instructions of the deans of individual faculties, depending on the study program, by the combined method.**

The internship of students is provided **in a presence form** in accordance with the study plans and according to the instructions of the relevant vice-deans of individual faculties, in compliance with epidemic measures.

The university teacher is obliged to keep electronic attendance lists in the University Information System (UIS) from each presence lesson in case of an epidemic investigation.

It is forbidden to transfer students between individual groups.

Unannounced changes to the timetable and classrooms are prohibited.

The doctoral degree study is carried out without changes and in accordance with the individual study plan.

Organization of other forms of educational process and events organized at SUA in Nitra

The education of students of the University of the Third Age, Lifelong Learning Courses, Complementary Pedagogical Studies and other forms of further education will be carried out in presence form only if VTO protocol of Covid automat (vaccination, testing, overcoming) and all epidemic and hygienic measures are observed.

At mass events held at SUA in Nitra, the VTO protocol is followed. Persons attending mass events shall be provided, upon request, with certificate of vaccination, testing and overcoming COVID-19. **The organizer of the mass event is responsible for compliance with the OTP protocol, is obliged to have a list of participants in the mass event and their contact details and, if necessary, provide it to the Regional Health Authority (RHA), for a period of 14 days after the end of the mass event.**

Special provisions

I impose the obligation on the International Relations Office and on the study departments of the respective faculties to ensure that foreign students are informed of the conditions of entry into the Slovak Republic, any domestic isolation obligation in Slovakia, the completion of an Ag or PCR test, or the need to prove a negative Ag or PCR test on entry into Slovakia, in accordance with the measures and guidelines of the PHA SR. I also impose the obligation to inform about these conditions also on the SUA website, by e-mail and other standard communication channels. I also impose the obligation to process and update the information document on an ongoing basis.

Students who will be accommodated in student dormitories are obliged to respect the VTO protocol and follow a separate order relating to the conditions of accommodation at the dormitories of SUA in Nitra in accordance with the order of the Rector no. 7/2021, which determines the organization and conditions of operation of the student dormitories at SUA in Nitra for the academic year 2021/2022.

Student dormitories of SUA in Nitra do not provide the possibility of passing quarantine (home insulation).

The rector of SUA in Nitra is putting into effect an alert system in monitoring the epidemic situation "**Semaphore of SUA in Nitra for the academic year 2021/2022**" at three phases – green, orange and red, which is listed in Annex 1.

Final provisions

This order shall enter into force on the day of its issuance and shall take effect on 7. 9. 2021

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SUA Rector

COVID SEMAPHORE of SUA in Nitra for the academic year 2021/2022

The aim of the Covid Semaphore of SUA in Nitra is monitoring the development of the epidemic and taking anti-epidemic measures depending on the intensity of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19 disease).

Green phase

It represents the state when at the university:

- **no person is positive for COVID-19,**
- one or more persons are quarantined because they have come into contact with a COVID-19 positive person outside the university.

Teaching takes place in a combined method or without restriction, under strict anti-epidemic measures.

Suspicion of COVID-19:

- A student or staff member, who has any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19, **suspected of having the disease**, must leave the university building and go into **home isolation** as soon as possible after their discovery. The student is obliged to report immediately this fact to the study department, the employee to the superior manager and the contact person of the university.
- No one with symptoms of a respiratory infection that could correspond to symptoms of COVID-19 **should enter the university premises and workplaces.**
- If a student or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the working day / teaching process, he / she immediately informs the head of the department / study department and leaves the university as soon as possible.
- A student with a suspected COVID-19 disease (or has been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person outside the university) does not attend university 14 days after the last contact with a COVID-19 positive person. If a student has been marked as close contact, the respective student and not the entire study group quarantined.
- Each person suspected of having the disease undergoes an RT-PCR test. The student informs the study department and the contact person of the university, the employee informs the superior manager and the contact person of the university about the result of the test.

If the result is:

- a) **negative** - teaching continues in the standard way,
 - b) **positive** - the university enters the orange phase according to this semaphore.
- In case the student suspected of having COVID-19 does not pass the RT-PCR test, he remains in isolation according to the currently valid decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic and his/her doctor decides on the termination of isolation.
 - In case of a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 at the university, all persons marked as close contact are obliged to leave the university premises and move to domestic isolation.

- In case the student or employee complies with the exemption from quarantine, the student informs the study department and the contact person of the university and the employee informs the superior manager via the form "**Quarantine Exemption Form**" (Annex 3). The student is obliged to submit the form to a university teacher for inspection upon request.
- If the student was in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person outside the university, he / she is obliged to pass the RT-PCR test ordered by the Regional Health Authority (RHA) or the doctor and thus minimize the risk of transmission to the university.

Orange phase

It represents the state when at the university:

- **at least 1 person (student or employee) is positive for COVID-19.**

The dean of the relevant faculty will interrupt the teaching in the group or grade (according to the nature of the positive contacts) in which the person positive for COVID-19 occurred. During the quarantine, they will provide distance learning in this study program or group.

If a person positive for COVID-19 has appeared in the student's / employee's household, only the student / employee remains in quarantine, not the entire group / workplace.

- If a person is confirmed to have COVID-19, he / she shall immediately notify all persons with whom he or she has been in close contact two days before the onset of clinical signs, in the asymptomatic course of the infection, two days before testing for COVID-19. .
- The student is also obliged to report this fact to the study department and the contact person of the university, the employee to the superior manager and the contact person of the university.
- Students / staff with confirmed COVID-19 stop their presence at the university.
- Persons in close contact with a positively tested person will be ordered by the RHA to undergo the quarantine.
- The contact person of the university communicates with the responsible persons from the Regional Health Authority, proceeds according to their instructions.
- Students or staff **suspected of being infected** with COVID-19 (have been in close contact with a person positive for COVID-19) will be appointed by the Regional Health Authority or a doctor and ordered **quarantined**. Quarantined persons shall report the following: the study department, the employee to the senior manager and the contact person of the university.
- In case of a person with a confirmed COVID-19 infection, the university provides full cooperation to the Regional Health Authority and the doctor.
- Quarantine in the case of a positive test result is granted for a definite period in accordance with the legislative measures in force. The person to whom the quarantine applies must follow the instructions of the doctor, or of the relevant RHA.
- Quarantine after close contact with a positive person does not apply to a person who:

- a) is at least 14 days after applying the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine with a two-dose schedule,
- b) is at least 21 days after applying the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with a single dose schedule,
- c) is at least 14 days after applying the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, if the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine has been administered within 180 days of the outbreak of COVID-19,
- d) has overcome COVID-19 in a period not more than 180 days ago,

and there are no clinical signs of disease.

- If a study group is quarantined, students, with the exception of quarantine, continue in full-time teaching.

In case the student or employee complies with the exemption from quarantine, the student informs the study department and the contact person of the university and the employee informs the superior manager via the form "**Quarantine Exemption Form**" (Annex 3). The student is obliged to submit the form to a university teacher for inspection upon request.

Red phase

occurs at the university:

- **when there are several confirmed positive cases, if there is an epidemic occurrence** (i.e. the spread of COVID-19 occurs demonstrably among students and employees of SPU in Nitra) and **by order of the locally competent Regional Health Authority (RHA in Nitra)**.
- The organization of all presence methods of education is interrupted and the transition to the distance method of education is realized.
- The Rector of SUA in Nitra will decide on the adoption of further measures to ensure thorough monitoring of the epidemic situation of students and staff for whom COVID-19 has not been confirmed.

Form on health status and travel abroad
STUDENT

Name and surname:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
E-mail address:	

Reason for using this form:

The form is important for maintaining a safe environment in the accommodation for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of the beginning of the academic year 2021/2022.

The form is completed by every student, including full-time doctoral students and every person staying

1. I declare that I am completely vaccinated against Covid-19 vaccine:	
YES	NO
2. I declare that I have overcome Covid-19 less than 180 days ago confirmed by PCR test	
YES	NO
3. I declare that I have stayed outside Slovakia during the past 14 days	
YES	NO

In case you answered question 3 "YES", you are obliged to register in the e-Hranica upon arrival from abroad, monitor your health status, the health status of persons living in a shared household and other close persons with whom you are in frequent contact and at the earliest on the 5th day after arrival pass the PCR test. The day of arrival shall be considered as the day 0. Until you receive the test result, you are obliged to be quarantined in your home.

In case of symptoms (cold, cough, body temperature above 37 °C, loss of smell and taste, diarrhea, headache) in you or people living in a common household and other close persons, you are obliged to contact the General Practitioner (GP) without delay and follow his/her recommendations, or order an examination via <https://www.old.korona.gov.sk/covid-19-patient-form.php> not enter the university premises until the time specified by the competent doctor.

Furthermore, I declare that I do not show signs of acute disease, that the Regional Public Health Authority has not ordered me to take quarantine measures (quarantine, increased health surveillance or medical surveillance). I am not aware that I, my family or other persons living together with me in the home, as well as other close people, have come into contact with people who have become ill with a communicable disease (e.g. Covid-19, diarrhoea, viral inflammation of the liver, inflammation of the brain, fever with rashes) over the last month.

If this concerns an accommodated person at the SD of the SUA, the university may process personal data from this completed form on the basis of Art. 6 (1) (e) and Art.9.2 (c), (g), (i) GDPR in the scope of the GDPR in order to ensure the protection of the health of students and employees, including a safe and hygienically satisfactory environment.

Signature:	
Date:	

Quarantine Exemption Form

I am submitting the quarantine exemption form in order to ensure a safe environment in the accommodation facility of the SUA due to the exemption provided for in Section 3(2) of Decree No 239/2021 V. of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic ordering measures to isolate Covid-19 positive persons and the quarantine of persons who have come into close contact with a Covid-19 positive person.

Notification of student/employee/accommodated person on the exemption from quarantine
(delete where not applicable)

Name and surname:	
The student will indicate the year, the faculty: The staff member will indicate the place of work: The person accommodated will indicate the contact person at the SUA:	

In accordance with the terms of Decree No 239/2021 of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, I inform that _____ meets the conditions

FIRST NAME AND SURNAME

of the quarantine exemption:

- is at least 14 days after the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine with a two-dose scheme, or
- is at least 21 days after the first dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, or
- is at least 14 days after the application of the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine if the first dose of COVID-19 vaccination has been given within 180 days of COVID-19 eradication, or
- overcome COVID-19 no more than 180 days ago

and there are no clinical signs of the disease.

If this concerns an accommodated person at the SD SUA, the university may process personal data from this completed form on the basis of Art. 6 (1) (e) and Art.9.2 (c), (g), (i) GDPR in the scope of the GDPR in order to ensure the protection of the health of students and employees, including a safe and hygienically satisfactory environment.

At....., on:

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Signature