

Chancellor's Decree No. 11/2021, on measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection


In response to the current resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic and the extraordinary measures of other state administration bodies, teaching and examinations in accredited study programs (Bc., Ing.) and lifelong learning courses and the admission process for accredited study programs and lifelong learning courses at NEWTON University (hereinafter referred to as "NEWTON University" or "NU") will be organized as follows, effective **Monday, September 20, 2021, 0:00 a.m. until further notice:**

- a) **persons with quarantine orders or persons with health problems and symptoms consistent with a viral infectious disease** (e.g. fever, cough, shortness of breath, sudden loss of taste and smell, etc.) **must not enter NU premises.**
- b) persons entering NU premises are required to carry out hand disinfection; for this purpose, disinfection stands located at the entrances to NU premises and located in NU premises may be used;
- c) persons on NU premises (except for household members or close persons) shall, as far as possible, keep a minimum distance of 1,5 m between each other;
- d) **persons in the common areas of NU are obliged to use respiratory protective equipment (nose, mouth)**, i.e. respirator of min. class FFP2, N95 or KN95, or nanomask with comparable parameters of protection against the spread of droplets; **this obligation does not apply when teaching in classrooms;**
- e) **teaching activities** in the Bachelor's (Bc.) and Master's (Ing.) degree programmes and all lifelong learning courses **shall be conducted in the form in which they have been accredited**, however, in cases where there is a non-negligible risk resulting from an excessive concentration of students and participants in lifelong learning courses on NU premises (i.e. especially in the form of lectures for large groups of more than 50 people), as well as in cases where certain groups of students and participants in lifelong learning courses (e.g. foreigners who are currently subject to entry restrictions to the Czech Republic) could be discriminated against due to their inability to participate in in-person teaching, teaching activities may be implemented in a hybrid form or exclusively using means of remote communication (videoconferencing systems such as WebinarJam, Zoom, Google Meet, etc.);
- f) in the case of the necessity to carry out teaching exclusively by means of distance communication, the student's participation in this teaching may be declared as mandatory (within the framework of the usual rules at NU, e.g. the condition of participation in at least 80% of the seminars held, etc.);
- g) **the verification of learning outcomes** in Academic Year 2021/2022 may use forms and procedures that allow its uncontested implementation using means of remote communication; however, a level playing field must be created for students and possible unethical behaviour must be avoided;

- h) any partial changes to the conditions for the completion of courses compared to the valid form of the syllabi of individual courses of study shall be communicated by the convenors of individual courses of study or the convenors of subject groups to students electronically by the end of the second teaching week of the relevant semester of Academic Year 2021/2022 at the latest;
- i) **final state examinations** (hereinafter referred to as FSEs), including defences of final theses, may in Academic Year 2021/2022 also be conducted in distance form using remote electronic communication, but only for those NU students who, due to applicable restrictions on the part of the Czech Republic or the state in whose territory they usually reside, cannot participate in FSEs in their in-person form; however, equal conditions for students must be created and possible unethical behaviour must be avoided;
- j) remote FSEs shall be held on different dates than the in-person FSEs, namely in February or March, June or July and September or October 2022; the specific dates will be announced by the NU Chancellor; registration will be possible only with NU Chancellor's approval, after assessing the inability of the student's participation in the in-person examination;
- k) the procedure and rules applicable to the remote FSEs are determined by a special decree of the NU Chancellor;
- l) **in the admission process for studies at NU** in Academic Year 2021/2022, such forms and procedures may be used that allow its undisputed implementation using means of remote communication; however, equal conditions for applicants must be created and possible unethical behaviour must be avoided;
- m) all persons concerned (students, applicants, etc.) shall always be informed well in advance of the conditions and course of the relevant activities to be carried out by means of distance communication (verification of learning outcomes, state final examinations, admission procedures, etc.);
- n) in the case of implementation of teaching and other activities carried out by means of distance communication tools and means, these shall be adequately monitored and subsequently regularly evaluated, both from the point of view of students and lecturers;
- o) **students who have been ordered to undergo quarantine measures, as well as those who test positive for COVID-19, must report this fact** to the relevant academic department; in the case of staff and collaborators, to the NU Chancellor's Office.

Upon the coming into force of this Chancellor's Decree, all previous Decrees issued by the NEWTON College Chancellor between March 2020-May 2021 enacting measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection that have not already been revoked are now rescinded.

In Prague on September 17, 2021



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