GUIDE FOR BUT FOREIGN STUDENTS

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PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION

Starting from April 26, 2021, personal participation in education is permitted in the case of:

- the exam,
- practical (laboratory, experimental and artistic) and clinical teaching and practice of the last years,
- individual consultation or counselling services.

ARRIVAL FROM ABROAD

The rules for arrival from abroad <u>set by the Ministry</u> (the so-called protective measures) are summarized for students in this Table. The arrival form is available here.

The procedure for arrival from abroad set by the university is summarized in this <u>Table</u>.

The same procedure shall also apply to students who have resided for more than 12 hours in the last 14 days in a country that is not on the list of countries with a low risk of Covid-19.

(Note: Slovakia is currently included in high-risk countries).

Compliance with the arrangements for arriving from abroad does not mean that it is not necessary to undergo the student testing mentioned in the chapters below

(In the case of students from Slovakia, it will be possible to enter the result of the RT-PCR test performed after entering the Czech Republic into the IS BUT).

Exceptions

The student does not have to follow the procedure according to the above tables if he/she submits:

- written confirmation in Czech, Slovak or English
- from a doctor working in the Czech Republic or in another Member State of the European Union
- that he/she has no clinical symptoms of COVID-19, has demonstrably suffered from COVID-19, has undergone isolation to the specified extent due to a positive RT-PCR test according to the valid emergency measures of the Ministry of Health or another Member State of the European Union
- and that no more than 90 days have elapsed since the first positive result of the RT-PCR test.
 A sample form is prepared for this confirmation.

The confirmation is submitted to the study department of the faculty or university institute at which the student is studying.

Student's arrival in the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours

- the student does not have to comply with protective measures, but must undergo testing of BUT students described below;
- the student is obliged to announce the arrival in the Czech Republic for less than 12 hours at the study department of the faculty/department where he/she is studying.

The so-called pendlers - cross-border students

• students from a neighbouring country who are not accommodated in the Czech Republic and participate in permitted full - time education or exams, and

- who, for the purpose of education, regularly and at least once a week rightfully cross the state border with the Czech Republic from a neighbouring state and back (crossing the border there and back in one day)
 - o prove this fact to the study department of the faculty/department at which they study by a declaration of honour (can be sent by email).

These students must also undergo the testing of BUT students described below.

STUDENTS WITH AN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP TO BUT

Students who also have an employment relationship with BUT are tested for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 according to BUT's internal standard, which regulates the testing of employees.

CONDITIONS FOR THE ENTRANCE INTO BUT BUILDINGS

Only students have access to the buildings:

- who can personally participate in the training, see above,
- have no symptoms of covid-19,
- and who have simultaneously undergone negative testing in the last 7 calendar days, or are exempted from the testing obligation.

Students are obliged to disinfect their hands in BUT buildings, observe the specified space of 2 m and wear a respiratory protective device (respirator).

ACCOMMODATION IN THE HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Accommodation in dormitories is possible for:

- students covered by a personal participation permit in education,
- foreign students,
- students from the Czech Republic who do not have another residence in the Czech Republic.

The student accommodated in the dormitories must undergo testing for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 every 7 days.

Halls of Residence and Canteen BUT employees have the right to request the accommodated foreign student to submit documents in accordance with the Rector's decisions (test results, doctor's certificate, etc.).

Students accommodated at BUT dormitories inform Halls of Residence and Canteen at ubytovatelky@skm.vutbr.cz about trips exceeding 12 hours to countries with a medium, high and very high risk of covid-19.

Other conditions of accommodation in dormitories are specified in the decision of the Rector of BUT.

TESTING OF STUDENTS

A student accommodated in dormitories and a student who personally participates in teaching in BUT buildings must undergo every 7 days (if he/she does not have an exception from testing, see below):

- RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus, or
- POC antigen test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 antigen performed by a health service provider in the Czech Republic included in the network of sampling centres:

o at the contractual provider of BUT, or o at another (public) sampling centre.

REGISTRATION AT THE GENERAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY

Students from EU member states are obliged to register with the General Health Insurance Company (VZP) by 30 April 2021 at the latest, if they are not already registered there.

The student submits at the VZP registration point

- The identity card,
- European Health Insurance Card,
- Certificate of study.

BUT CONTRACTUAL SAMPLING CENTRE

The contractual sampling centre for BUT students is MUDr. Petr Tomaštík:

- address: Kolejní, 612 00 Brno Královo Pole, "Podnikatelská" stop,
- specification of the place: Premises of the lower car park of the campus (FEEC) BUT Brno, Pod Palackým Vrchem,
- the student **registers the date** of testing in advance in this contractual sampling centre in the <u>registration system</u>,
- before the sampling, the student identifies him/herself by:
 - o BUT student card,
 - o Identity card,
 - o from 1 May 2021 also a confirmation of registration with the General Health Insurance Company, if it is a student from the European Union member state.

Tests of students from EU countries registered with the General Health Insurance Company are covered by health insurance. For other students, BUT pays for the contractual sampling centre.

PUBLIC SAMPLING CENTRES

It is possible to use public sampling centres anywhere in the Czech Republic, including <u>sampling</u> <u>centres in Brno</u>.

Tests of students from EU countries registered with the General Health Insurance Company are covered by health insurance.

However, if a foreign student from a country outside the EU uses the services of a non-contractual sampling centre, he/she will be required to pay for the test, which BUT cannot pay for.

REPORTING OF TEST RESULTS

In the case of a **contractual BUT sampling centre**:

• the result of the test performed in the contractual sampling centre is entered into the BUT IS by a designated employee of the BUT CVIS.

In the case of a **public sampling centre**:

- the student enters the result of the test performed in the public sampling centre into the BUT IS, namely into the relevant module in the BUT Intraportal (the module is in preparation),
- the student enters into the IS:
 - o the date of the test and the result of the test,
 - confirmation or protocol on the execution and result of the test or an image of an SMS or e-mail message on the test result, from which the unambiguous identification of the student will be obvious.

PROCEDURE IN CASE OF A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If the test is positive, the student:

- in the case of tests from **public sampling centres**:
 - enters this information into the BUT IS
 - o announces a positive test result to the email karantena@vutbr.cz
- in all cases:
 - o reports a positive test result to his/her registrant of health services in the field of general practice and, where applicable, practice for children and adolescents;
 - undergoes a confirmatory RT-PCR test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 virus (issuance of the application to foreign students will be ensured on the basis of instructions from the address karantena@vutbr.cz):
 - whose result is also entered in the BUT IS,
 - and reports to email <u>karantena@vutbr.cz</u>

In the event that the student has been ordered quarantine or isolation (even without connection to testing at BUT), he/she is obliged to report this information to the email karantena@vutbr.cz.

WHO DOES NOT HAVE TO TEST

Exemption from testing applies to students who:

- have undergone laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 disease, their isolation period has expired according to the valid emergency measure of the Ministry, they do not show any symptoms of COVID-19 disease and since the first RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 or POC antigen test for SARS -CoV-2 has not elapsed more than 90 days; The COVID-19 certificate must be issued by a health service provider established in the territory of one of the EU Member States. A sample confirmation can be found at https://www.mzcr.cz/wpcontent/uploads/2021/02/lekarskepotvrzenicovid-19medicalcertificate.pdf or
- have a certificate issued by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic on vaccination against COVID-19 and at least 14 days have elapsed since the application of the second dose of vaccine in the case of a two-dose schedule according to the summary of product characteristics (hereinafter referred to as SPC), or at least 14 days have elapsed since the first dose of vaccine was administered in the case of a single dose schedule under the SPC;
 - Unfortunately, according to the Ministry's measures, certificates of vaccination from abroad are not acceptable documents for proving an exception to testing.

If the student is covered by any of the exceptions, he/she will enter this information into the BUT IS, namely into the module in the BUT Intraportal (the module is in preparation).

LIBRARIES

The schedule of libraries is regulated by a separate measure of the Ministry of Health when the functioning of libraries is gradually relaxed under the conditions of compliance with epidemiological conditions.

For current information about a specific library, please see the BUT Library Portal website.