

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
of the Rector of the University of Wrocław  
of 9 October 2020**

**on the organisation of education and other activities of the University of Wrocław  
during the period of increased number of SARS-CoV-2 infections**

Due to the growing number of diagnosed cases of SARS-CoV-2 infections in Poland and the introduction of additional restrictions minimising the development of the epidemic in the country, in order to ensure the safety of employees, PhD students and students of the University of Wrocław and to maintain the highest quality of education, the following is strongly recommended **from 9 October 2020 until further notice**:

- 1) to conduct all lectures remotely. In-person lectures may be held provided that the number of students participating in the lecture is no more than 15 or fewer than 10% of the seats in the lecture hall;
- 2) in the case of discussions, seminars and classes other than laboratories, internships and workshops, where it is not necessary for all the students to remain in the classroom, to use hybrid or remote activities as long as it is possible without causing significant deterioration in the quality of education;
- 3) to ensure appropriate distance between students in the buildings used for organising physical education classes. The form and method of conducting the classes currently remain unchanged;
- 4) employees of the Occupational Health and Safety and Fire Protection Department and the dean authorities shall control and closely monitor the conditions of conducting classes in the University buildings, particularly in regards to the proper, as recommended by the Chief Sanitary Inspectorate, preparation of classrooms in terms of the permitted number of students, taking classes by appropriately-sized groups, and maintaining appropriate density of students in the buildings resulting from class schedules;
- 5) to pay special attention to the situation of the employees, PhD students and students from high-risk groups, e.g. by allowing them to teach only remote classes or to attend classes only remotely;
- 6) to organise conferences and other activities in the remote mode, subject to item 1, as appropriate;

The meetings of the Senate, councils of scientific disciplines, faculty boards, Senate committees and other collective bodies of the University shall be held remotely.

Starting from 10 October 2020 all employees, PhD students, students and other individuals present in the University buildings **should** wear face masks, face shields or half-shields.

Having chosen not to switch exclusively to remote learning, the University authorities are strongly urging all employees, PhD students and students to behave responsibly also outside working and class hours, avoiding activities that might increase their risk of infection.

Due to the upcoming flu season further strengthening of protective measures, including the obligation to hold classes only in the remote mode, could be expected in the following weeks. Decisions on the matter shall be made by the University authorities in agreement with the Deans whilst taking into account the government recommendations.

At the same time I would like to emphasise that the Rector, Vice-Rectors and Deans cooperate closely to ensure the safest possible working and learning conditions under these circumstances.

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