

Dear members of our Faculty Academia,

allow me hereby to welcome you to the new academic year in the name of the Administration Board and to wish you good health and success in your endeavours. I feel confident that we together will successfully accomplish the following semester.

I would like to inform you about the forthcoming measures to ensure the education at our faculty. According to the information which I have collected so far, most Slovak and foreign universities are planning to provide on-site teaching and learning following the local restrictions similar to ours. I hold the opinion that on-site teaching is a significant part of our education, particularly in disciplines like mathematics, physics and computer science.

We are obliged to apply the following regulations imposed by the Comenius University Administration:

1) The Rector's directive Nr. 16/2021

https://uniba.sk/fileadmin/ruk/legislativa/2021/Pr_2021_16.pdf

2) The CU crisis staff commission of August 23,2021

https://uniba.sk/fileadmin/ruk/ovv/2021/Rozhodnutia_krizovych_stabov/Rozhodnutie_KS_UK_23-08-2021.pdf

3) The CU monitor

https://uniba.sk/fileadmin/ruk/ovv/2021/Rozhodnutia_krizovych_stabov/PKS_Semafor_vyucby_na_UK_BA.pdf

As the situation can change abruptly, it is strongly recommended to follow the faculty website for updates:

<https://zona.fmph.uniba.sk/>

Best wishes from the Dean and members of the Administration Board of FMPI CU

General measures:

- **Face masks** are obligatory for the students, staff and visitors of the faculty in the corridors and shared spaces
- It is recommended to measure the body temperature on entering the premises (the thermometers at the entrances are only informative, if they show higher temperature, you should check it individually using a reliable thermometer). Hand sanitation will be available at the entrances and all frequented spots in the building.
- Regular sanitation will be done with germicidal radiators during nights.

Mass events

- In the 2021/22 academic year the immatriculation and graduation ceremonies will be cancelled.
- The enrollment will be done electronically, with the exception for
 - students enrolling for the first year of their BSc studies
 - students enrolling for the first year of their MSc studies if they didn't complete their BSc degree at our faculty

These students will enroll on site. Enrollment for the PhD studies will be done under equal conditions. During the enrollment safe distances should be kept. The Registrar's Office and PhD Studies Administration Office staff will be protected by a plastic shield.

- The traditional assembly of the first year of BSc studies students will be held in a combination of on-site labs, classes and gyms in small groups.

The faculty is obligated to provide education in such a way so as to prevent any health hazard to both students and staff, and at the same time to keep high standard of education. To meet this objective

- lectures with attendance up to 50 students will be presented on site

- lectures with the attendance of over 50 will be given online, or - by consent with the lecturer - will be separated into several events with lower attendance and given on site
- blocks for distance learning will be arranged for the students not to alternate distance and on-site learning
- attendance in seminars and practical classes will be kept so low as not to cover more than 50% of the classroom capacity

Organisation of classes and schedules

- In standard classrooms (lecture rooms, seminar rooms), filling at most half of the room capacity is recommended, keeping distances between students
- In computer rooms **one person at most** is allowed at one computer. Increasing distances between computers where possible is strongly recommended.
- **In laboratories maximum 2 persons are allowed at each device.**
- The lecture room C will be open for classes except Mondays and Fridays from 13:10 on, when the room is allocated for the academic meetings
- Members of the Academic Senate and the Science and Research Board will not have any classes scheduled on Mondays from 13:10
- The room between lecture rooms F1 and F2 will be also available for regular classes
- Classes will be given on five days of the week, **including Fridays**
- Study programmes 2FYZ, 2OZE, 2BMF, 3FYZ, 3OZE, 3BMF, 3TEF, 3upF*, 1muF* will attend higher than usual allotment of laboratory classes in the first week of the semester. Therefore, their schedules will differ for the first week from the rest of the semester.
- Labs in the physics programmes in the 1st and 2nd year of Master's studies will be arranged individually, higher number of classes will be managed by the lecturer and/or programme guarantor.
- Only the students who have regularly enrolled the class in the AIS will be allowed to enter the class in order to enable tracing in case of COVID-19 suspicion. The teacher must keep the register of rolls in each class, the students are obliged to sign in. The teacher must keep the register form for at least 30 days to enable tracing of the contacts with a positively tested person.
- As enrollments will be still going on during the first two weeks, possible newcomers will attend the class whom the teacher hasn't registered yet. Such students must add their name and signature at the end of the rolls list on the register form.
- If the teacher spots violation of the measures by students, he/she may
 - increase the distances between students
 - order the students out of the class in case they are not wearing the face mask and refuse to wear one even after being asked to do so
- A teacher is allowed to refuse any change in the his/her schedule which would result in a smaller room with inadequate capacity
- In higher years of study where the students are better experienced in distance learning the lectures may be given online. That would require the consent by the Dpt. Head, the programme guarantor, as well as the schedule coordination.

What to do in case of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection

- Anyone with the body temperature over 37,5°C or other COVID-19 symptoms, mustn't attend the on-site classes and must go to isolation and get tested.
- Anyone with a positive test for current COVID-19, must:
 - register in the CU form: [Podozrenie alebo potvrdený výskyt COVID-19 \(uniba.sk\)](https://uniba.sk/podozrenie-alebo-potvrdeny-vyskyt-covid-19)
 - inform all teachers with whom they had on-site classes , as well as all persons with whom they came in close contact in the last 2 days. For that purpose a university e-mail address should be used.
 - obey the regulations and measures until the isolation can be finished and regular classes re-entered. Information at [Čo mám robiť, ak som COVID 19 pozitívny? - Koronavírus a Slovensko \(korona.gov.sk\)](https://korona.gov.sk/ci-mam-robit-ak-som-covid-19-pozitivny)
- A student in a quarantine is obliged to contact the teacher or peer students to obtain information about studies and duties which he/she should accomplish at home. The teacher may send electronic materials and/or - if possible - may provide online stream of the classes.

By the regulation [239/2021 \(korona.gov.sk\)](https://www.zbierka.sk/akt/239/2021) :

1. Quarantine is imposed on every person who came into close contact with anybody who was later found COVID positive, and the contact occurred within two days before the positive test or before first clinical symptoms occurred.

2. Quarantine obligation doesn't apply to a person who

a/ has received the second vaccine dose not later than 14 days ago if the two-dose vaccine has been applied

b/ has received the one-dose vaccine not later than 21 days ago

c/ has received the first vaccine dose not later than 14 days ago, if the vaccine was applied within 180 days after the COVID infection

d/ has recovered from the COVID infection not earlier than 180 days ago and exhibits no symptoms of the disease