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**Subject:** Circular No. 1/2020 (II.26.) of the Rector-Chancellor regarding measures in connection with the spread of the coronavirus infection

**To the heads of all units of the University of Szeged**

**Dear Heads of Units,**

This is to inform you that until further notice from authorities or instructions from higher management, the following measures are to be taken in connection with the spread of the coronavirus infection:

1. The list of areas affected in the spread of the coronavirus is continuously published and updated on the website of the National Public Health Centre (Nemzeti Népegészségügyi Központ, <https://www.nnk.gov.hu>). As of 25 February 2020, these areas include China, Singapore, Hongkong, Japan, South Korea, Iran, and the following regions of Italy: Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, Piedmont, Veneto.
2. In the case of those holding an employment contract with the University, line managers are to proceed as follows:
  - Posting to the affected areas cannot be ordered or allowed.
  - Under the provisions of Paragraphs (1)-(2) of Section 146 of Act I of 2012 on the Labor Code, those who have returned from any of the endangered areas since 12 February 2020 are, without delay, to be exempted from work (downtime) for 14 days with absentee pay for the duration of leave, starting from the day of the present circular – or in the case of employees returning home after this circular has been published, starting from the day following their arrival.
  - Line managers are asked to inform employees that travelling to the affected areas should be put off or avoided as long as the given area is classified as infected by the National Public Health Centre.
3. Visits by delegations and guests from the affected areas are to be cancelled and postponed to a later date when the threat is over. All parties involved should be notified about the changes without delay.
4. Line managers are asked to warn employees that if they have recently returned from any of the affected areas, they have to report this fact and proceed as described above in order to protect their health as well as that of all university employees and students.
5. In addition to the above, you are kindly requested to pay close and continuous attention to the list of endangered areas referred to in point 1, and in the event of changes, apply the appropriate measures.
6. Please note that the safest way currently known to prevent the spread of the virus is to comply with hygiene regulations. Anyone showing symptoms of the disease is advised



to stay at home and refrain from going to work, school or public spaces, and to seek immediate medical assistance by getting in contact with their GP through e-mail or telephone.

Please inform your colleagues directly about the information covered in this circular.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

**Yours faithfully,**

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Rector