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Coronavirus Operative Committee

Reg. No.: IKT/5-790/7/2020

Subject: Circular No. 8/2020. (III.12.) on regulating travel, events and students' educational activities issued by the Operative Committee on Coronavirus

To all Heads of Units of the University of Szeged

Dear Head of Unit,

As regards the spread of the new coronavirus infection, in accordance with Government Decree No. 41/2020. (III. 11.) (hereinafter Decree) on measures to be taken in a state of emergency to prevent the spread of an epidemic, to avoid its consequences and to protect the safety of life and property among Hungarian citizens as of the issuance of the present circular pending further official action or instructions from senior management, the following orders are issued:

Travel abroad and receiving foreign guests:

1. With regard to Article 6(1)(a) of the Decree, **healthcare workers**, as defined by Act CLIV of 1997 on health (*health care workers* are physicians, dentists, pharmacists, others with advanced health care qualifications, those with vocational health care qualifications, or those without qualifications involved in delivering health services), **shall only be allowed to leave the territory of Hungary with the permission of the Minister** responsible for the relevant sector.
2. As regards all **other employees and students** of the University of Szeged, journeys abroad cannot be ordered and **travel abroad for professional purposes cannot be authorized** irrespective of the country of destination.
3. Immediate superiors shall inform all staff that they should suspend and avoid **travel abroad for private purposes**, if possible, to maintain their personal safety and the smooth operation of the organizational units of the University of Szeged. Please note that if employees decide to travel abroad at their own risk, they shall accept **liability under labour and criminal law** for any consequences. If a University employee has left the territory of Hungary at said employee's own risk and, upon said employee's return, is subject to measures taken by authorities, said employee shall be entitled to social security benefits in the event of a declaration of incapacity to work, as provided in Article 3 of the Decree. In the absence of a medical certificate, the employee may use the annual leave available to said employee to be absent from work or to qualify for approved unpaid absence. Employees who travel abroad in spite of the prohibitions and recommendations



and who, after the end of their authorized leave, are unable to fulfil their duties through their own fault may be subject to further labour law sanctions.

4. **Visits by foreign delegations and foreign guests shall be cancelled** or postponed, as they may be held after the end of the state of emergency. You are required to inform foreign partners immediately.
5. **Non-Hungarian citizens shall not enter or remain in the area of the University.** If a visit by a foreign individual is indispensable for the basic activities of the University, this shall only be possible with special electronic permission granted by the Operative Committee on Coronavirus. Only EEA citizens who are entitled to permanent residence, commenced residence in Hungary at least 30 days prior to the issue of the circular and have resided there continuously without interruption shall be exempt from said permission.

Provisions concerning students' educational activities

6. Pursuant to Article 4(b) of the Decree, students are prohibited from entering higher education institutions. If a student is a public servant at the University, the student may enter the University of Szeged for work, and the **rules for employees shall apply**. A student who has another employment relationship with the University (e.g. a temporary contract, student employment contract, and public service volunteer work) may only enter the buildings of the University of Szeged with special permission from the Operative Committee on Coronavirus, which may be requested online.

Events

7. The provisions of the Event Management Regulations of the University of Szeged shall apply with the following amendments:
 - a) indoor events with more than 100 people attending shall be banned, while outdoor events of more than 500 shall also be subject to a ban.
 - b) indoor events for 50–100 people and outdoor events for 150–500 people shall require special approval from the Operative Committee on Coronavirus, which may be requested online. Staff members responsible for organizing events – and those who rent out university venues for externally organized events – shall request participants to refrain from attending the event in the case of a potential threat.
 - c) When an event is held, either on or off University premises, it must be ensured that those who attend the event are Hungarian citizens or EEA citizens who are entitled to permanent residence, commenced residence in Hungary at least 30 days prior to the issue of the circular and have resided there continuously without interruption.
 - d) **It is the responsibility of both the organizer and the operator of the venue to enforce these provisions.**

Prior authorization from the Operative Committee on Coronavirus shall be requested at coronavirus.jelentes@rekt.szte.hu.

Circulars and guides on the spread of coronavirus infection of adequate integrity shall be in effect. In order for the University of Szeged to carry out its public duties and to maintain operationality, we kindly request all leaders and staff of the University to cooperate in compliance with the foregoing.

Heads of Units are kindly requested to inform colleagues in their respective units immediately and directly of the information contained in this circular.

Issued in Szeged on 12 March 2020,

Yours faithfully,

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