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Procedures for the implementation of the precautionary measures for the prevention of Covid-19 infection spread at the EKA University of Applied Sciences

1. General provisions

- 1.1. Procedures for the implementation of precautionary measures for the prevention of Covid-19 infection spread at the EKA University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter - the Procedure) shall consist of measures and obligations by responsible persons in order to limit Covid-19 infection spread at the EKA University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter - EKA).
- 1.2. The procedure is binding to EKA students and other learners (participating in lifelong learning and professional development programs for students), academic and administrative staff, visitors (hereinafter together - EKA staff and visitors).
- 1.3. EKA staff and visitors are responsible for the health protection of their own and the others around them by complying with these procedures.
- 1.4. In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the following basic principles must be observed:
 - 1.4.1. informing;
 - 1.4.2. distancing;
 - 1.4.3. hygiene;
 - 1.4.4. monitoring of a person's health status.

- 1.5. The Communication Project Manager shall create a section on the EKA website called "Covid-19 Information", where the Procedure, information about the persons responsible, the use of the mobile application to identify and inform contact persons "Apturi Covid" (Stop Covid) (hereinafter referred to as "Apturi Covid" application) and other relevant information, and regular updates of the current information shall be published.
- 1.6. The Study Department shall publish the Procedure in the closed student section "Notifications" on EKA website, as well as shall send it to EKA applicants' and students' email addresses.
- 1.7. The Rector shall place the Procedure in the Moodle course "EKA Administration" as well as it shall be sent to the EKA staff's email addresses.
- 1.8. The EKA staff is recommended to download and use the application "Apturi (Stop) Covid".
- 1.9. The persons in charge of the implementation of the requirements of the Procedure shall be appointed by the Rector.

2. General provisions for informing

21. At EKA lobbies and corridors (at least in one conspicuous place), general information on distancing, hygiene and personal health condition monitoring requirements shall be placed. At the University's auditoriums, computer rooms, public spaces, library and facilities, special information shall be on display (if necessary).
22. The informational materials shall be prepared by the Rector's secretary, handing them for copying and the further distribution in EKA premises in cooperation with the Student Information Center.
23. EKA staff are obliged to follow EKA's management orders on EKA's website, in e-mails and in placements on EKA's premises, describing guidelines and recommendations on epidemiological precautionary measures.

3. General provisions for distancing

- 3.1. EKA staff and visitors shall observe the mutual distance of 2 meters, where possible, with the exception of certain cases described in the Procedure, in particular with respect to the study process. In places where gathering of people usually occurs or is expected to occur, the possible marking of the floor, indicating one person's place or area where the distance is at least 2 meters (sticker stripes) shall be performed.
- 3.2. In the study rooms, after checking the Covid-19 certificates, the persons participating in the study process (teachers and students) may not observe the distance of 2 meters.
- 3.3. EKA administrative staff shall perform, as much as possible, their duties partially remotely, by prior agreement with their immediate supervisor and making sure that does not adversely affect qualitative job execution, until the Rector's next order.
- 3.4. Employees, who due to their work duties, have an increased contact with EKA staff and visitors (hereinafter referred as Visitors), as far as possible, should:
 - 3.4.1. consult and serve remotely by means of the e-environment;
 - 3.4.2. receive visitors by prior appointment, thus reducing gathering;
 - 3.4.3. reduce the contact time with the visitor (up to 15 minutes);
 - 3.4.4. comply with the 2-meter distance with the visitor;
 - 3.4.5. use face shields, face masks or physical barriers.

4. General provisions for hygiene

- 4.1. When entering the premises of EKA, it is advisable for the EKA staff and visitors to do immediate hand disinfection - by washing them with warm water and soap or disinfecting them with a special disinfectant.

- 4.2. Disinfectants shall be available in visible places.
- 4.3. The premises shall be ventilated at least once every two hours. After the class, which hosted a number of people, or during the break, the classroom shall be ventilated for at least 10-15 minutes.
- 4.4. Household Project Manager shall provide disinfectants after the Rector's request.
- 4.5. EKA building's common areas/premises (including public restrooms (WC), railings, handles at the building's common areas/premises) at least once a day shall undergo surface disinfection as a part of general cleaning program.
- 4.6. Mouth and nose cover should be used by staff and students.
(Amendments from November 15, 2021)

5. General rules on personal health status monitoring

- 5.1. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*
- 5.2. EKA staff and visitors with acute respiratory infection disease symptoms (runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, fever with high temperature) or having positive Covid-19 infection are prohibited to enter and be present in the EKA premises, as well as in cases where a person is subject to self-isolation.
- 5.3. If acute respiratory infectious disease symptoms are observed during a stay in EKA premises, then the person must immediately inform his or her direct supervisor (staff), academic staff member (students and other learners) or EKA representative - contact (visitors), put on a face covering and leave the EKA premises. The person immediately shall contact his or her family physician, jointly decide on further treatment and inform his or her immediate supervisor, academic staff member or other EKA representative.
- 5.4. Any EKA staff member shall be obliged to inform the person responsible for the personal health status monitoring, if a person has an acute respiratory infectious disease symptom and who cannot prove with the notice issued by a medical institution regarding the fact that he or she has other illness with such symptoms.
- 5.5. The responsible person shall ascertain name and surname of the person mentioned in clause 5.2. of the Procedure calling to leave the premises as well as immediately notifying the EKA Rector. If the person refuses to leave the EKA premises, the person may be expelled.
- 5.6. Personal health status monitoring and reporting directly to the Rector at the EKA is the responsibility of:
 - 5.6.1. present academic staff (during lectures and classes);
 - 5.6.2. present administrative staff (other cases).
- 5.7. Employees, students and student assistants identified as contacts may disregard home quarantine in order to perform work duties or participate in the study process. Upon arrival of these persons at EKA premises:
 - 5.7.1. A self-test must be performed before entering EKA's premises. If the test result is positive, then the person must undergo a laboratory test and coming to EKA's premises is prohibited.
 - 5.7.2. Medical masks or FFP2 respirators must be used.*(Amendments from 2022 01 April)*
- 5.8. Students who have been confirmed infected or have a reasonable suspicion of infection with COVID-19 may disregard isolation if not less than seven days have passed since infection or confirmation of suspicion **and there are no signs of disease** at least 24 hours before returning to the on-site study process.
(Amendments from 2022 01 April)

- 5.9. Employees and educatee assistants who have been confirmed to be infected or reasonably suspected of being infected with Covid-19 shall respect isolation according to general requirements and shall **only discontinue isolation with the permission of the treating physician.**

(Amendments from 2022 01 April)

- 5.10. The EKA Rector shall compile the information received and consider improvements in terms of limiting Covid-19 infection spread.

6. Organizing studies

- 6.1. The study process shall be planned and organized in accordance with the Regulations on the organization of study process at the EKA University of Applied Sciences during 2021/2022 academic year.

- 6.2. If the student, due to restrictions, is unable to be in person in the Latvian Republic or the student has been asked to abide by anti-epidemic measures by Latvian Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, due to which the student cannot attend classes in person, this consequently serves as the basis of the study form change that is free of charge, switching to e-studies in person, or having a study break.

- 6.3. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

- 6.4. Foreign applicants, students and exchange students:

- 6.4.1. The International Student Department and the Erasmus Coordinator (in relation to exchange students) shall inform applicants and students regarding counter-epidemic measures and the procedures for entry into the Republic of Latvia;

(Amendments from 2022 01 April)

- 6.4.2. Foreign students department gathers information on foreign students' arrival and the address of residence in Latvia. The gathered information will be forwarded on request to the Director of the Study Program;

- 6.4.3. If an applicant or a student enters from a country that appears on the list issued by the Latvian Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (which appears to be a country with a high risk of infection), then Foreign student department shall explain the self-isolation requirements to the student;

- 6.4.4. If the Latvian laws and regulations require the need for self-isolation, then the student shall comply with it, immediately after entering Latvia. EKA is not responsible for finding the necessary accommodation. Students have to make reservations for accommodation, which is required prior to their arrival by clarifying whether the accommodation place offers self-isolation options;

- 6.4.5. Students must electronically notify EKA on their arrival in Latvia within three days by sending a message to email address: study@eka.edu.lv while also informing about their accommodation address and the end of their self-isolation duration;

- 6.4.6. The student is committed to observe the instructions of the study coordinator in connection with the distance learning and participate in it;

- 6.4.7. The student must arrive in EKA on the next day following the expiry of self-isolation in order to produce the necessary original documents related to the studies.

7. Flow organization and control of students, other learners, staff and visitors

- 7.1. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

7.2. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

7.3. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

7.4. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

7.5. Latvian residents, who are either applicants or students returning from abroad or have had limitations as Covid-19 patient contacts, or who are themselves infected with Covid-19, shall inform their program coordinator about it (contact information is available on EKA website) . Depending on the circumstances, the educational coordinator or the Program Director shall inform applicants or students on future action (self-isolation requirements, distance learning or study break).

8. Use of common premises

8.1. Teaching room (classrooms, computer labs) use procedure:

8.1.1. on-site lecture/class schedule is shown in the class list;

8.1.2. EKA staff is advised to arrive precisely to the lecture start by immediately going to the listed classroom in order to avoid crowding in lobbies and corridors.

8.1.3. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

8.1.4. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

8.2. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

8.3. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

9. Catering organization

9.1. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

9.2. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

9.3. *(Deleted on 01.04.2022 with Cabinet Regulation No. 192 of 22.03.2022)*

10. Final provisions

10.1. If the Latvian Centre for Disease Prevention and Control issues specific measures to limit the spread of Covid-19, then the future action is determined by a separate order of the Rector.

10.2. The instructions shall be applied to the extent they do not conflict with external laws and regulations.