

Information COVID -19 (9)

To the IST Community,

I am reaching out to you to inform about the situation at IST, the measures that will be in place starting next Monday, and the new reality for all of us.

1. The Situation at IST

Many members of the community have reached me to understand what is the current situation at IST. To my knowledge, there is no case of contagion in any member of the IST community or among their relatives: yesterday's alerts were confirmed as negative.

2. Measures at IST

The measures taken by the Management Board (MB) on the morning of Thursday 12 March were preventive measures to protect the entire community, under the IST's contingency plan. These measures anticipated the decisions taken by the Government last night.

Next Monday, IST and our whole community will resume their activities in this new framework.

2.1 Decision of the Government

The Government has determined the "suspension of all school activities (teaching and non-teaching) in person, starting on Monday and lasting two weeks". As far as personnel are concerned, the measures determine "justified absences for workers who have to stay at home with their children up to 12 years of age due to the suspension of in-person school activities and cannot use teleworking".

As a result of the new framework, I am reporting you on the measures adopted by IST:

2.2. Teaching activities

As far as teaching activities are concerned, the resolution previously communicated is maintained, with classes formally starting on 18 March remotely. I would like to thank the whole academic community for the commitment, support and effort already demonstrated by everyone to ensure the success of this semester.

2.3 Teleworking

The IST has been preparing the transition to this regime. Therefore, IST's MB has decided that from next Monday, March 16th, all activities, processes and services will be transferred to teleworking, applying this measure to all employees of IST's three campuses. Consequently, IST's services are not available in person - the service is still provided electronically.

The MB deliberations have no impact on the control of attendance or on the monthly salary processing of

any of its employees (teachers, non-teaching staff and researchers, grant holders). All necessary redundancies are implemented in order to guarantee the normal processing of salaries at the end of each month.

Teleworking will ensure that IST's teaching, administrative and research activities will proceed as normal as possible.

In case of any questions, the direct hierarchical supervisors should be contacted.

2.4 Exceptions to teleworking

The exceptions to teleworking are:

All activities and processes, which determine the physical presence on campuses (e.g. cleaning, security, maintenance of premises and equipment);

A set of minimum face-to-face services, to be determined by the MB.

The Health Service - Técnico Lisboa, on the Alameda campus, in some of the specialties.

These exceptions will be communicated to employees through the direct hierarchical channels (directors and middle managers, department chairs and centre chairs),

2.5. Access to Campi

During this period the IST facilities will be closed, as is the case for the two-week closure period in August. Until April 9th, the access to the buildings will be conditioned, being possible with an access card or by a justified request addressed to the Security, Hygiene and Health Centre.

3. The New Reality

This is a new reality to which we will have to adapt quickly. Keeping Tecnico with as little disruption as possible is a new challenge and one of enormous complexity, but I am sure we will successfully overcome this challenge and that this will be a source of pride for all of us.

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