

Information COVID -19 (22)

To the entire IST Community,

As is well known, the COVID 19 pandemic situation has reached an extremely serious stage in Portugal. As a consequence, the Portuguese State has decreed new measures under the state of emergency, whose terms of application increase restrictions on movement and impose a widespread confinement to the population from 00.00 hours on January the 15th, this Friday.

Decree 3-A/2021, which regulates the state of emergency decreed by the President of the Republic, was published this afternoon. Regarding the Universities, the Government decreed that they remain open. This determination has the immediate consequence that the evaluations of the first semester of the 2020/2021 school year, currently in progress, continue to be carried out in person. As a result, the teaching and technical and administrative workers required to carry out these evaluations must continue to perform their work in person. The Decree also determines that the adoption of the telework regime is mandatory, if compatible with the activity of the worker.

Under these terms. I shall determine:

- 1. All technical and administrative workers are to be submitted to the teleworking regime (T-Covid) as of 00:00 hours on January 15, 2021.
- 2. The exceptions to the previous number are those whose duties are not compatible with teleworking or whose presence is indispensable to ensure academic activities. These workers practice their working hours in accordance with the Attendance Regulations. These workers are identified nominally and travel declarations will be issued.

- 3. All teaching and research workers, will start teleworking from 00:00 hours on January 15, 2021, except those who have to travel to the campuses by force:
 - **3.1.** Of the teaching activities;
 - **3.2.** Of the research activities or other academic ativirties that cannot be carried out by teleworking.

The respective travel declarations will be issued in these cases.

- **4.** The students must travel to the campuses only for the scheduled evaluations or for the presence in classes that are taught in person. Travel declarations will be available in the respective student portal.
- 5. Without prejudice to the above regarding travel declarations, all workers and pupils who have to go to IST campuses and who for any reason do not have this declaration, must, if they are questioned by the authorities, identify themselves with their IST card and communicate the reason for their travel, together with this informative note.
- **6.** The provisions of the preceding paragraphs are fully applicable as of January 17th. With regard to January 15th, tomorrow, only those who due to evaluation activities or work activities that cannot be postponed should travel to the IST on this day, and their attendance is considered justified.

Stay protected, stay healthy!

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