

Information COVID -19 (28)

To all the IST community,

The deconfinement plan presented by the government foresees that Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will open their activities at April 19th (<https://www.sns.gov.pt/noticias/2021/03/11/covid-19-plano-de-desconfinamento/>). Thus, professors and students should prepare and plan their gradual return to the campuses from that date on.

In order to ensure the health safety of the entire IST community upon their return, we will enter the orange phase of IST's Prevention and Action Plan against covid-19 (<https://tecnico.ulisboa.pt/pt/coronavirus/>) and, simultaneously, a large-scale testing operation, operation "Safe Return", will be launched from April. We expect to perform about 15,000 rapid tests to the entire IST community in the following three weeks after April 12. Details about operation "Safe Return" will soon be communicated to the whole School.

As for school activities, starting upon April 19, the regime will be as follows:

1. The theoretical, theoretical-practical, practical, problem-solving and computer lab (or equivalent) classes will continue to operate at a distance.
2. The remaining laboratory classes may work on a face-to-face basis, according to plan B proposed by the Head of the Curricular Unit to the Pedagogical Council, according to the UC schedule and taking into account the limit number of students in class.
3. Tests outside class hours can be face-to-face, on-site. The Head of the curricular unit should inform the PC and the GOP so that rooms can be assigned for that purpose. Students who cannot attend the test(s) will also have access to the special season of evaluation in the course unit in question in addition to the assessments already provided for in the regular and appeal seasons, not counting this registration for the limit of 15 ECTS credits in the special season. To do so, they must apply for enrollment in the special season with the Undergraduate Department. The application must be accompanied by the justification for non-attendance by means of a declaration from the health or medical authorities, proving that they were unable to come to IST on the test date due to reasons imputable to the pandemic. The request will be analyzed until June 30th. Test dates scheduled before April 19, 2021 will not be changed. With the agreement of the delegates and coordinators, however, consideration may be given to holding the test on the date and time of the regular season already scheduled, guaranteeing the same assessment opportunities.

4. Updated information on the functioning of the UC with regard to laboratories and assessment shall be made available on the UC webpage by April 5, 2021.
5. As of April 19, student spaces at the campi (student lounges and study spaces, including within the spaces associated with the Library) and LTIs will be made available for those who need to attend online classes, and for study, and these spaces will be properly identified for this purpose. Library services will continue to operate on a “takeaway” system, although some of its spaces may be open as presented above.
6. The above dates are of course subject to changes resulting from any government decisions on pandemic control measures; in that case the dates in the previous points will slide in correlation with the April 19th change (i.e., keeping 2 weeks in advance of the beginning of the face-to-face activities foreseen in point 4 above).

Stay protected, stay healthy!

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More information

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<https://tecnico.ulisboa.pt/coronavirus>

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