

Information COVID -19 (35)

To the entire IST community,

The high rate of vaccination we have reached in Portugal (78% of the population fully vaccinated, 85% with one dose of vaccine), as well as the decisions that have been taken and announced by the government and health authorities allow that, keeping all the principles of safety which we have learned to live, create conditions to plan a return to an almost normal regime at IST.

At the beginning of the 2021/2022 academic year, the time has come for us to do so!

Thus all IST workers (teachers, researchers, technicians and administrative staff), as of next Monday, September 13th, 2021, returns to the regime prior to the pandemic situation, i.e., the on-site regime (except for the situations expressly provided by law).

In the same manner, the teaching activities of the year 2021/2022 will begin in a face-to-face basis in all types of classes, according to the schedules that have been prepared and made available for the first semester.

This return to a massive presence of the entire community on our campuses naturally requires strict compliance with the rules and good practices of living on campuses, in a situation where the Covid19 pandemic has not yet been fully extinguished. Namely:

- wearing a mask will continue to be mandatory inside all IST campuses;
- frequent disinfection of hands and contact surfaces is recommended for everyone;
- rooms should keep windows open to promote a high air renewal rate;
- physical safety distance should be maintained;
- crowds of people should be avoided;
- the capacity of enclosed spaces, whatever they may be, must not be exceeded.

By the end of this week, the new IST risk matrix, with these and other recommendations for living on campuses, will be available online.

The Covid testing program will be maintained (and reinforced at the beginning of the school year) as a way to prevent, monitor and break any chains of contagion that may emerge on campus. Detailed information about the reinforcement of the testing program as of September 27th will be sent in a specific email on this subject.

Finally, I end this information with an appeal: all those who have not yet been vaccinated, especially students coming from countries where the vaccination rates are lower than in Portugal, should do it as soon as possible. To do so, simply go to any vaccination center (for example, the one located in Cidade Universitária) with your identification documents.

Stay protected, stay healthy!

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President of IST

More information

Updates to the Técnico community about the Coronavirus.
This website is constantly updated.

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

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