

Information COVID -19 (37)

To the entire IST community,

Following the epidemiological reassessment throughout the country and its worsening in recent weeks, the Council of Ministers on November 25th 2021 approved a set of measures, framed in the declaration of a disaster situation as of December 1st 2021.

These measures, in what concerns higher education institutions guarantee the continuation of teaching and non-teaching activities in the terms that have been happening until now. Except for the above, only the week of January 2 to 9, when telework will be mandatory and teaching activities will be suspended. This suspension will lead to a small change in the school calendar, of which the school will soon be informed, but which will not have a relevant impact on the functioning of classes or evaluations or other academic activities.

However, in order to protect the health of the community, and while the disaster situation is in effect, Técnico will change its Prevention and Contingency Matrix, (https://tecnico.ulisboa.pt/files/2021/11/plano-de-prevenc-a-o-e-atuac-a-o-covid_19-v9-anexo-i-matriz-de-fases-de-prevenc-a-o-e-continge-ncia.pdf) from Green Phase to Yellow Phase.

The move to Yellow Phase implies, namely, a change in the regime of work on the part of IST workers, with teleworking being recommended whenever the functions allow it. Thus, next Monday, November 29th, the services, departments and centers will receive indications on how to proceed with the implementation of this change.

During the Yellow Phase of the Prevention and Contingency Matrix we also reinforce the recommendations that:

1. meetings become online;
2. spontaneous gatherings of people should be avoided;
3. interpersonal distances should preferably be greater than 2m;
4. masks (mandatory in any enclosed space on campuses) are to be worn at all times throughout the campuses
5. any student, faculty, employee or researcher of the IST community to schedule their free test whenever any symptom or risk contact exists, by simply filling out and submitting the form - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdH3yBqHySWLJyDBmsgK1rpgE_54H3zOFIb5zdpWTBgYHRQ1w/viewform
6. Particular and reinforced attention should be given to hand hygiene and work spaces;
7. windows should be kept open in the rooms to promote a high rate of air renewal;
8. the capacity of the closed spaces, whatever they may be, must not be exceeded.

I have received information that in a limited number of curricular units there may not be physical conditions

of the classrooms that would allow compliance with recommendations 8 and 9, in what concerns theoretical classes and practical classes. In these situation the Pedagogical Council should be contacted by the responsible of the course unit, through the email cp@tecnico.ulisboa.pt, in order to evaluate alternatives for the functioning of theoretical and practical classes of the course unit in question.

The high vaccination rate in Portugal, together with the maintenance of all the safety principles that we learned to live with many months ago, and the testing and screening practices that Técnico has implemented since the beginning of the pandemic, is the key for us to be able to face a second period of the first semester of 21/22 with tranquility and normality.

I know I can count with your commitment!

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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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