

CONNECTED TO EDUCATION

In order to take part in the current context in the country and new needs of students, at the beginning of this academic year we want to present aspects that relate to the pandemic context in which we find ourselves. This time the experience in the university begins not only with the enforcement of rules of the **Student Statute** or other regulations, but with the fulfilment of the safety measures that come from the national authorities and are transposed by the universities.

"**CONNECTED TO EDUCATION**" is an ANOSR-branded campaign that will present both the rights and obligations of relevant students at the beginning of the year and the measures that students and universities must comply with a view to a safe university environment. This week we are going to capture the aspects mentioned in the "Guide on the establishment of health and protection measures in higher education institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic" approved by the Joint Order by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and Research.

Having complied with these measures, they will ensure the viability of the educational process in a physical or hybrid mode, where these scenarios have been chosen, by decreasing the possibility of infection and protecting all persons involved in the system.

On World Education Day, we have an obligation to review how we see things!

Rules on access to university and classrooms

The annual information campaign on student rights and responsibilities is marked this year by new circumstances in the context of the pandemic. In view of the recent recommendations issued by the Joint Order by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and Research, ANOSR summarized the main safety measures in the campaign "**CONNECTED TO EDUCATION**". Thus, it will begin with the presentation of the rules to be observed in the university and the classrooms.

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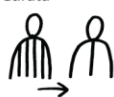
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During their time at the university, students and their staff are required to wear a protective mask. At the entrance to the university, classrooms and corridors, you must find **dispensaries with disinfectant solution** and a designated person to perform thermometry with a non-contact device and allow the passage of those with a temperature of less than 37.3°C, and in places with good visibility you must observe information materials on protective measures.

Doors will be kept open to avoid contact points in the university, and in the classroom until all students arrive. Airing of the rooms where teaching activities take place will take place for 30 minutes before the arrival of the students and 10 minutes during breaks, at the beginning and end of the day. **It is recommended to enter in a staggered timeline**, depending on areas or buildings (floor, wing, etc.) and entry through several access doors to reduce the flow of students.

Circulation in the institution must be managed by means of visible lanes marking entry and exit routes, but also by means of a designated manager. They must be accompanied by visible indicators (arrows, panels, markings affixed to the ground, spacers, barriers, etc.). **Meetings between students will take place within range of waiting areas with markings on the floor**, so that physical distance is ensured.

In the classrooms the furniture must be arranged or, in some cases, removed in order to obtain a distance of at least 1 m between students. Another option is the installation of transparent separators on the sides where the distance of 1 m between students is not ensured. Students shouldn't have to face each other.

The management of the higher education institution must appoint a **university-level officer who will coordinate the activities of infection prevention**. They will be in contact with health care personnel, representatives of the DSP, local public authorities and CJSU and CMBSU respectively. **A faculty officer must also be appointed**. Staff in the medical office or the staff appointed by the higher education institution will provide staff training to provide regular information to students on: general elements about SARS-CoV-2 infection, respiratory hygiene, hand washing technique, recognition of COVID-19 symptoms, the correct way of wearing and removing masks and the necessary physical distancing measures. Teachers are also required to notify the staff of the medical office of cases of infectious respiratory symptoms.

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Conduct of teaching activities within the university

Although the context is new, we must do our best to ensure that in the case of physical teaching activities, they present themselves with an optimal framework, which can only be possible with more care. Thus, there are a number of measures to be followed during the presence in the university.

Where possible, delays will be made to limit the number of persons present in sanitary facilities and common spaces in order to respect physical distance. The intervals for breaks between teaching activities may be set in a staggered manner for each study group where possible.

The organization of the educational process will consider the possibility of starting courses at different times, carrying out modular teaching activities, so as to optimize the time spent in closed space, ensure the ventilation of the spaces and avoid congestion at the entrance and exit during breaks. The creation of groups of students from different study groups will be avoided. Students will ensure that physical distance is maintained throughout the breaks, will not share food or drink, and will not exchange personal items (phones, tablets, writing tools) among themselves.

It is recommended, where possible, to serve the meal to go, possibly on a pre-order basis. **The canteen, if there is one, will be organized on the intervals related to the tables and access to avoid crowding** of people. Within the canteen and in the space for transit intervals it is necessary to observe the physical distancing measures of 1 m, with the mandatory wearing of masks. Laying at the table requires the provision of 1,5 m physical spacing measures. It is recommended to use disposable cutlery, and before and after each meal students will be recommended to wash hands and observe hygiene rules. The mask will only be removed when the students sit down.

Check for daily cleaning and regular disinfection of frequently touched areas. The frequency and duration of the rooms after cleaning and disinfection is at least 10 minutes. In each of the areas that are sanitized will be displayed in a visible place the cleaning and disinfection graph.

In order to manage the flow of people using the toilets, the maximum number of people who can access the toilets will be mentioned by means of a poster posted at the entrance to these spaces. Sanitary groups must provide resources for hygiene, implicitly disinfection of hands, and electric hand dryers and hand towels made of fabric are prohibited.

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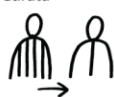
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Organization of physical education

When we talk about how to organize sports disciplines, the Guide also comes with a number of measures so that they are carried out in optimal conditions.

It is recommended to carry out sports activities in open spaces or, if this is not possible, according to a schedule established and monitored by the teacher. No sports equipment will be used to be handled by all students (or handling will only be carried out by the teacher) – otherwise an adapted disinfection will be provided regularly.

Physical education classes in the gym should be limited to sports activities that do not involve medium/intense effort, with compulsory physical distance of at least 15 meters, in which case wearing the mask is not indicated. To conduct physical education classes, you must be instructed not to touch your face, mouth, eyes, nose with unhygienic hands throughout the activity.

At the beginning and end of physical education classes, you must sanitize your hands with an alcohol-based disinfectant, and the cleaning will be carried out by disinfecting with special solutions and airing the gym after each teaching activity with a study band.

Protocol for dorms

Before the reopening of the dorms, proper cleaning and disinfection of all common and accommodation spaces will be carried out, and dispensers with hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the home, and predetermined routes will be provided, as far as possible, at the inside and exit of the home.

A plan will be drawn up to ensure the daily cleaning and disinfection of collective spaces, and the home administration is obliged to provide for each room, depending on its capacity, isolation facilities with their own bathroom in which the suspected cases of SARS CoV-2 will be temporarily accommodated. An action plan will be developed for each student dormitory in case of SARS CoV-2 infection – this plan will be displayed on the notice board at the entrance to the dorm.

The university is obliged to determine the occupancy of the dormitory, depending on the number of students accommodated, and **the rooms will be divided according to the number of students, respecting the physical distance of at least 1 m between the beds.** In this context, rooms in the residence regime of 2 (two) students/room will be assigned or, if this is not possible,

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due to the large number of requests for accommodation from students, **the rooms will be occupied by students from the same study group**, in order to limit the contact of students from different study groups.*

The common sanitary facilities will be equipped mainly with liquid soap, and where appropriate, liquid alcohol-based solutions will be provided to students staying in the dormitory in optimal quantities. As far as possible, travel within the home will be limited and congestion will be avoided.

Wearing the mask is mandatory in the common spaces, students will be constantly trained on compliance with individual protection measures, common spaces will be cleaned, disinfected and ventilated on a regular basis.

The use of carpets will be avoided in the home, and those who are accommodated in the home are obliged to keep the rooms clean, disinfect and ventilate the rooms regularly. Also in the dormitories it will be recommended to have rotational access to the common spaces (bathrooms, dining rooms or rooms intended for common use), so that it is possible to disinfect adapted to the specifics of each space.

Students are advised to avoid, as far as possible, common spaces and activities to be carried out in their own room. Universities are required to provide security/surveillance staff to be trained on the specific rules for the operation of the home during that period.

In the event of a suspicious or confirmed case with SARS-CoV-2, **the containment protocol will be activated and the Public Health Directorate will be notified and the 112 emergency services will be called**. The confirmed student shall be isolated either in the isolation and treatment units attached to the hospitals or at his personal residence, provided that the journey to it is by means of personal transport and not by means of public transport. Thus, the confirmed student's roommates will be quarantined in the dorm room, provided that they have their own bathroom – if it does not have its own toilet, they will be quarantined in the insulator. Point-by-case solutions will be found for quarantined students to provide food at the door of the room.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the Annex to the Order of the Minister of Health No 1/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 1999 on the common organization of the market 119/2014 for the approval of the Hygiene and Public Health Rules on the living environment of the population, with subsequent amendments and additions.

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Triage, isolation and suspension of physical activity

Triage protocol

Measure your body temperature daily and assess your own health to determine if you are presenting specific symptoms and to decide later on your participation in the teaching activities for which physical presence is required.

If you present a number of specific symptoms, you cannot attend the teaching activities.

People who have the following symptoms will not attend teaching activities:

- those with a temperature above 37.3°C and/or symptoms specific to SARS CoV-2 infection (coughing, shortness of breath – shortness of breath, diarrhea, vomiting) or other infectious diseases;
- those confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection who are in isolation at home;
- those who are declared close to a person infected with SARS-CoV-2, who are in the period of quarantine at home/institutionalized quarantine

If thermometry with a non-contact thermometer is performed at the entrance of the building by a designated person trained to do so, persons with a temperature of more than 37,3°C will not have access, and **if the students are in a febrile state or symptomatology specific to SARS-CoV-2 infection in the course of the teaching activities, the isolation protocol shall apply.**

The return to the community of students who have had health problems and have been absent from the teaching activities for the realization of which physical presence is required will be made mandatory on the basis of a medical certificate specifying the diagnosis. Thus, the student is obliged to teach the secretariat at the first teaching activity the abovementioned certificate, and it will be centralized at the level of the medical office or at the level of the person designated by the management of the higher education institution.

Isolation protocol

The isolation protocol is applied if the students show symptoms during the teaching activities carried out inside the universities and the buildings under its administration.

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In the context in which a student presents with specific symptoms, he will immediately isolate himself in the specially designated space of the faculty / university. He will wear a mask; will be separated from the rest of the group and roommates, by immediate isolation. If the student uses the toilet during the isolation period, it must be cleaned and disinfected, using approved cleaning products, before being used by anyone else.

If the student presents severe symptoms, then he / she will be transported to the family doctor, pharmacy, emergency service or hospital, in which case the emergency service will be called 112. If there is a person helping the student, he / she must reduce contact with it, wear a mask and wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.

At the end of the isolation period, a certified disinfectant will be used in the isolation room, but only after the student has left, to reduce the risk of transmitting the infection to others.

The student will return to the didactic activities for the accomplishment of which the physical presence with medical certificate is required, issued by the attending physician / family doctor, specifying the diagnosis.

Suspension of physical activity

In case of one / several cases of COVID-19 in a higher education institution, the situation will be analyzed by the DSP together with the management of the institution and the epidemiological investigation will be started in maximum 24 hours, by the epidemiologist from DSP, in collaboration with the doctor from the university medical office, if he exists, in order to establish direct contacts in the community.

The suspension of the teaching activities that take place in physical regime can be decided by the University Senate in the following situations:

1. At the appearance of a confirmed case of illness with COVID-19 in one of the study formations from the higher education institution that carried out the didactic activities with the physical presence of the students, the didactic activities that presuppose the physical presence are suspended for a period of 14 days. In case 2 (two) or more study groups carry out their teaching activities in a room, the teaching activities that presuppose the physical presence will be suspended only for the study group in which the COVID-19

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case has been confirmed, it will be done cleaning, disinfection and ventilation, following that the students / trainees of the next cycle will carry out their activities normally;

2. At the appearance of more than 3 (three) confirmed cases of COVID-19 disease, in different study formations of the same higher education institution, following epidemiological investigations, the decision may be taken to suspend teaching activities for which the physical presence is required. at the respective study formations / in the respective building / in the faculty / in the university campus or at the level of the entire higher education institution, for a period of 14 days from the beginning date of the last case;
3. In case of cases of COVID-19 among teachers, they have the obligation to notify the management of the higher education institution that will inform the DSP about the event. The DSP will carry out the epidemiological investigation and will analyze the situation in the higher education institution together with the management of the institution and will decide together the necessary measure.

If in a university the teaching activity has been suspended, its management has the obligation to start activities of cleaning the rooms, ventilating the rooms and disinfection.

The resumption of the didactic activities that presuppose the physical presence of the students in the university is ordered by decision of the university senate, after obtaining the DSP approval, which certifies the fulfillment of the epidemiological safety conditions for the resumption of the activity. Depending on the epidemiological situation at county level, the DSP may recommend to the higher education institution the extension of the period of partial / total temporary suspension of the teaching activities that presuppose the physical presence of the students in the educational institution.

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