

Rector's Order No. 16/2021. (XII.02.)/R

on the amendment of Rector's Order No. 9/2021 (VIII.27.)/R on the operation of residence halls, colleges for advanced studies and rented accommodation of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary for the academic year 2021/2022 with regard to the control of the coronavirus pandemic, and
on the modification of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R on the organization and implementation of the Academic Year 2021/2022 during the period of state of danger

With regard to the state of health crisis declared in Government Decree 283/2020 (17 June) introducing a state of epidemiological preparedness, in accordance with Government Decree 27/2021 (29 January) on the declaration of a state of emergency and the entry into force of emergency measures and Government Decree 484/2020 (10 November) on the second phase of protective measures applicable during the period of state of danger, in compliance with the provisions of Article 32 (1) of the Organizational and Operational Rules of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary (hereinafter referred to as the University), I hereby issue the following order for the regular and effective operation of the University:

1 § Section 3.24 of Rector's Order No. 9/2021 (VIII.27.)/R on the operation of residence halls, colleges for advanced studies and rented accommodation of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary for the academic year 2021/2022 with regard to the control of the coronavirus pandemic (hereinafter referred to as Rector's Order No. 9/2021 (VIII.27.)/R) is replaced by the following:

“3.24 Persons showing the signs of the COVID-19 infection (especially fever, tiredness, dry cough, muscle pain, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhoea, shortness of breath) must not stay in the residence hall. In case of symptoms indicating a possibility of the COVID-19 infection, the person concerned or his/her fellow students are obliged to report the suspected case to the teacher of the residence hall by email. At the same time, the student showing the symptoms should consult his/her GP. The residence hall teacher shall notify the person in charge of the emergency measures for the residence hall in question during the epidemics, the director of the residence hall or the entrusted supervisor, and should follow the instructions of the person in charge of the emergency measures. A student who shows symptoms should follow the instructions of the residence hall teacher. A student with symptoms suggesting a suspected COVID-19 virus infection may return to the residence hall only with a medical certificate that excludes the COVID-19 infection.”

2 § The title of Section 2 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R on the organization and implementation of the Academic Year 2021/2022 during the period of state of danger (hereinafter referred to as Rector's Order No. 11/2021. (IX.03.)/R) is amended as follows:

“2 § Behaviour required for performing the University's tasks and rules for creating a healthy and safe environment”

3 § Section 2.6 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021. (IX.03.)/R is replaced as follows:

„2.6 The University shall pay special attention to the cleanliness of the education and sport facilities, libraries, archives and museums by using appropriate (antiviral) hand disinfectants – antiviral substances with marketing authorization issued by the National Food Chain Safety Office – as well as antiviral surface disinfectants and detergents. ~~The antiviral disinfectants shall always be used in appropriate concentration with the recommended contact time as indicated in~~

~~the manufacturer's instructions for use in Hungarian. Before the start of the academic year and at least every 3 months,~~ **The Operations Group of the Facility Management Department** of the University's Chancellor's Office (**hereinafter referred to as Operations Group**) is responsible for carrying out and inspecting the **cleaning and disinfection** of the University's buildings. The Operations Group shall ensure the continuous availability and procurement of hand and surface disinfectants **of sufficient quality and quantity** as well as the documentation and control of this duty."

4 § Section 2.7 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021. (IX.03.)/R is replaced as follows:

"2.7 The **Operations Group** shall ensure the regular – at least every 2 hours, **when the buildings are visited** – disinfection of the frequently used surfaces (door handles, elevator buttons, switches, handrails, etc.)." ~~Coffee machines, vending machines, dispensers, jugs must be cleaned and disinfected with antiviral disinfectants regularly – at least following each maintenance. The relevant documentation and control should be done accordingly.~~

5 § Section 2.8 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R is replaced as follows: 5

"2.8 In order to reduce the concentration of the possible pathogens in the enclosed spaces of the University special attention should be paid to continuous or regular, intensive, natural ventilation. In case of artificial ventilation, if the windows can be opened, natural ventilation is also needed by opening the windows as often as possible. ~~HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) equipment which is not suitable for the fresh air supply, and can only circulate the indoor air (e.g. split air conditioners, fan-coil units and mobile air purifiers) can be used only if outdoor air supply is also available. Split air conditioners should be adjusted so that they do not cause strong air flow in the lower half of the room. The heat exchanger and the dust filter of the device should be frequently disinfected by licenced antiviral disinfectants. In case of increased use, the filters should be replaced more often than recommended in the manual. All these must be documented and controlled by the University.~~ **The use of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) for cooling is prohibited unless otherwise instructed. Fan-coil units used for air handling and heating should be disinfected with appropriate frequency. The Operations Group is responsible for this task and the relevant documentation.**"

6 § Subsection 3.3.4 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R is replaced as follows:

"3.3.4 Following every lesson, or more often, if necessary, it is mandatory to disinfect the surfaces which are frequently touched by hand (for example but not limited to door handles, handrails, switches, elevator buttons, ~~keypads, computer mice, monitors~~) and to ventilate the indoor premises regardless of the weather conditions. **Disinfectant wipers should be provided to disinfect computers (keypads, computer mice, monitors) in the classrooms.** Non-contact, antiviral **hand sanitizer dispensers and hand disinfectants, in sufficient quantity and distribution** – and warnings of their use – shall be provided at the entrances **and other areas** of the university buildings, ~~in the common areas and educational premises (lecture and seminar rooms), dining rooms, restaurants, canteens and restrooms.~~ The Chancellor's Office, **Operations Group**, with the involvement of the tenant in the case of rented premises, is responsible for this task. In premises having a ~~traditional~~ split air conditioning system, these devices shall not be used."

7 § In subsection 3.7.4 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R

the text "*If a non-Hungarian student is required to stay in home quarantine when crossing the border, it is necessary to provide separate accommodation and care for him/her in the University's residence hall.*" is replaced by

"If a non-Hungarian student is required to stay in home quarantine when crossing the border, the University is obliged to provide separate accommodation and care for him/her.

8 § In section 4.6 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R:

the words "*cleaning instructions*" are replaced by "*technical requirements for cleaning services*".

9 § Section 6.1 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R is replaced as follows: 9

"6.1. Rules on security measures applicable to events shall apply to holding university events, subject to the provisions of this section. Wearing of masks is compulsory. Graduation ceremonies, doctoral inaugurations, academic, educational and professional events can be organised in accordance with the requirements specified in point 3.3 of the present order. If possible, an online connection should be ensured to the conferences and events organised by the university."

10 § Section 6.2 of Rector's Order No. 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R is replaced by the following provisions:

"6.2 The University and its organisational units shall not hold any community events that are not related to education, research or scientific work. Community events do not include meetings, board meetings related to the operation of the University, in particular the Senate, Rector's Council, Faculty Council, religious events and sports and leisure activities as defined in section 7."

11 § Section 6.3 of Rector's Order 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R is hereby repealed from 12 noon on 2 December 2021.

12 § The parts of Rector's Order No. 9/2021 (VIII.27)/R and 11/2021 (IX.03.)/R issued earlier, which are not affected by the amendment, remain in force.

13 § (1) This Order shall enter into force on 2 December 2021 and shall become enforceable on the date of the entry into force.

(2) This order shall expire on the day after its entry into force.

Budapest, 2 December 2021.

Dr. Ágnes Czine (signed)
Acting Rector