

September 25, 2020

Dear students,

first of all I would like to thank you for your understanding and patience with regard to the current situation, which was neither caused by the staff of JFMED CU nor the Faculty Board.

From the moment when the presence of the coronavirus was detected at the Faculty, we have been constantly taking steps to manage this situation with dignity. Thanks to the intensive cooperation with the Regional Public Health Authority in Martin, we managed to handle the quarantine at the Student Hostel within a few hours. The quarantine has been ordered by the Regional Public Health Authority verbally first, and subsequently in writing as a Decision No. OE2020 / 03197 of Sept. 22, 2020 to impose quarantine measures.

We have interrupted practical training of the students at the clinics, closed the faculty for the public, interrupted face-to-face teaching and are gradually starting to provide online teaching. We have managed to handle sudden media and press attention, the Faculty has conducted its own COVID testing, which is demanding and beyond everyday duties of our staff. We have been also answering all questions from your lawyers, parents, partners and friends by phone or in writing.

Many thanks go to the student representatives of the individual study years, to the student self-governing body and to Martin Club of Medical Students, who quickly and responsibly inform all other students about the current situation and they have been assisting to ensure the measures for safety and health of the students.

On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Faculty Board adopted two documents: the Guidance for Students and Departments of JFMED CU in Martin on procedures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ALERT traffic-light warning system for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic for JFMED CU. It also included the decision to set up a Permanent Monitoring and Crisis Team, which had the first meeting on September 23, 2020. Among the other things, the team dealt with the analysis of the epidemiological data obtained and the further procedures to be taken.

What interests you most is the length of the quarantine. In the case of a positive test and a primary contact, the quarantine period is 14 days, i.e. until October 5, 2020. At the moment, students residing at the Student Hostel are being tested. According to the obtained data and findings, the Faculty will make a decision on further steps and procedures.

Online teaching is only temporary and we will notify you about all changes in time. However, the final decision about the method of teaching at the Faculty (online or face-to-face) is in the competence of the Regional Public Health Authority.

Yours sincerely,  
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the dean