

Students' participation in labs with physical presence
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-important aspects selected from the Carol Davila University Plan of SARS-Cov-2 prevention measures for students and faculty members-

Essential measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 infection:

- Rigorous hand hygiene;
- Wearing a protective mask by students during the entire period they are inside the institution (and in public spaces);
- Limiting the contact between students from different study groups;
- Ensuring a physical distance of at least 1 meter between students / trainees and between students /trainees and the teacher;
- Each student will keep the same place throughout the classroom in order to maintain physical distance;
- Student's isolation at home and / or other special isolation spaces in case of fever or other symptoms that raise suspicion of COVID-19 (cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell) in the student or another family member.

Epidemiological triage

Daily triage is performed by students at home by measuring body temperature and assessing their own health.

The following persons will not be present for the didactic activities with physical attendance:

- those with a body temperature higher than 37.3 ° C and / or symptoms specific to SARS-CoV-2 infection (cough, difficulty breathing - shortness of breath, diarrhea, vomiting) or other infectious diseases;
- those confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 infection, who are in the isolation period at home;
- those who have been declared close contacts with a person infected with SARS-CoV-2, who are in the period of home quarantine / institutionalized quarantine.

Students can attend the teaching activities with physical presence:

- when they are not in any of the above situations;
- if they are in possession of a negative result of the COVID-19 test if one of the family members / relatives shows symptoms of respiratory tract infection;
- those with typical symptoms of pollen allergy (known pollen allergies, runny nose with clear nasal discharge, runny eyes / itching).

If students show signs / symptoms incompatible with participation in practical labs with physical presence, they will contact the family doctor or the doctor from the medical office of Carol Davila University.

If, during the didactic activities with physical presence, the students present with a febrile state or symptoms specific to the infection with SARS-CoV-2, the isolation protocol is applied.

Access to the Faculty building

At the entrance of the Faculty building, non-contact thermal scanning is performed. The thermal scanners are located at the main entrance door of the Faculty. *People with a temperature higher than 37.3 degrees Celsius will not have access inside the building.*

Access in the halls

Participation in practical labs with a group other than the one in which the student was assigned can be done only with the consent of the Head of Discipline.

The movement inside the faculty building is made following the direction of movement signaled by the indicators.

The students will present themselves at the headquarters of the Physiology Discipline at the exact time periods that will be communicated to each group of students. After entering the Faculty building, they will walk directly to the rooms where they were assigned and will enter the rooms, without standing in the common spaces within the Faculty.

Students will be accepted into the classrooms only after:

- completing a responsible liability questionnaire regarding the symptoms / contact with a COVID contaminated person, a questionnaire that will be downloaded from the Carol Davila University website;

- thermal scanning
- hand disinfection
- wearing protective masks
- wearing protective gowns

The location in the lab rooms will be made respecting the distance of at least 1 meter between people, so that students do not sit face to face. The places provided in each room will be respected. The places where the seats are located will not be changed, as they are positioned at a predetermined distance of at least 1 meter.

After completing the labs, students will leave the Faculty building to avoid the formation of crowds.

Measures for students / trainees, teachers and other staff in higher education institutions, in age groups at risk and / or with chronic conditions and / or disabilities:

- Personnel at risk of illness (e.g. the elderly, people with diabetes or other chronic diseases, people with impaired immunity) will pay extra attention to the rules of protection.

- Students in a high-risk group (e.g., severe chronic respiratory disease, severe obesity, type I diabetes, inflammatory, immune / autoimmune diseases, rare diseases, hereditary metabolic diseases, disabilities, immunosuppressive therapy) will participate in the didactic activities with physical presence paying additional attention to the protection norms.

For them, the representatives of the higher education institutions will identify, depending on each situation, solutions for ensuring the educational process online / through technology and the internet or in increased safety conditions.

- Compliance with protection and hygiene measures, recommended to all students / trainees, should be monitored more closely in the case of students / trainees with chronic diseases;

- Students with chronic diseases who have reservations regarding the resumption of teaching activities with physical presence will be able to be advised by the physicians and psychologists who care for them, regarding the measures necessary to feel safe;

- Students who live in the same home with a person who is part of a group at risk can normally return to the educational institution. There may be certain cases in which, after a concrete and individual assessment of the degree of illness of the person and the risk of contamination with SARS-CoV-2 that the student can transmit to those at home, it can be recommended by the physician that that student / trainee, for a determined period, does not attend didactic activities with physical presence. For those who cannot return to teaching activities, the representatives of higher education institutions will seek to identify solutions to ensure the educational process by online modalities.