

Information regarding COVID-19

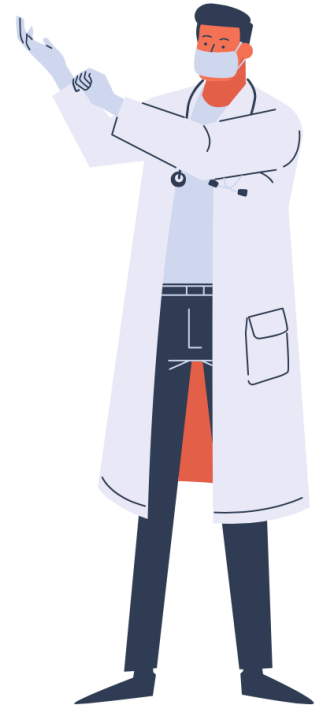
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Prevention of the spread of COVID-19 among the University of Warsaw Community

Dear Students!

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the University of Warsaw community, the Rector of the University of Warsaw issued an order stating the following:

- Lectures and classes for students and PhD students are cancelled until April 14th, 2020, with the exception of on-line courses. On-line courses are to be conducted as planned.
- Some of the regular courses will be conducted on-line starting from March 23rd, 2020. The list of courses that will be conducted on-line will be available by March 20th, 2020. (Please check your email regularly as the lecturers, Mobility Coordinators or other staff members will send you information on the status of your courses),
- All open events, e.g. conferences, symposiums, open lectures, cultural events, etc. organised at the University of Warsaw between March 11th, 2020 and April 30th, 2020 are cancelled.
- The University Library is closed until April 14, 2020. Until then:
 - return dates for borrowed books will be extended automatically,
 - no penalties will be charged for keeping books borrowed beyond the set deadline.
- All University of Warsaw students have remote access to the collection of books and electronic magazines subscribed by UW, available from the University of Warsaw Library (BUW) in the 'Online resources' tab (<https://www.buw.uw.edu.pl/zasoby-online/>), after logging in (card number and password)
- A ban on visits by all guests has been introduced at all University of Warsaw Dormitories and Guest Houses.
- All students and staff are required to immediately inform the University of Warsaw about a suspected Coronavirus - caused disease or the fact of being quarantined. In such an event all international exchange students are asked to contact the International Relations Office by email.



The above-mentioned measures are to be implemented starting from March 11, 2020.

Announcement from Dean prof. dr hab. Stanisław Sulowski

Dear Scholars, Administrative Staff, Service Staff, PhD students and Students,

The Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and the Minister of Health, Łukasz Szumowski, announced yesterday (13th of March 2020) a state of epidemic emergency in Poland. In relation to this announcement as head of the organisational unit, I am introducing from 14th March 2020 until further notice the following restrictions and regulations regarding the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Warsaw.

- The closure of all department secretariats (Żurawia 4, Nowy Świat 67 on the first and second floors, Krakowskie Przedmieście 3). The administrative staff are directed to work from home. Department phones will not work, contact will only be possible by e-mail.
- The closure of the Nowy Świat 67 building to everyone. There will be no access to this facility.
- The closure of all spaces at the disposal of the Faculty of Political Sciences and International Studies of the University of Warsaw which are under the administration of other Universities of Warsaw: Żurawia 4 (fourth and fifth floors) and Krakowskie Przedmieście 3 (second floor). It will not be possible to access to these departments and secretariats.
- Furthermore, I am limiting access to the Collegium Politicum Auditorium Building located at Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28 – on the main campus of the University of Warsaw. The entrance by staircase B is closed. Access is only via staircase A. The only people who will be able to enter the building will be the staff who have to be there in order to maintain the functioning of the unit. Other people will be able to enter the facility but only after receiving a one-time individual consent from the Dean, Vice Dean for Finance and Development or the Administrative Director.
- Working time in the Auditorium Building is limited: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm.
- The closure of the Faculty Library. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of the Teaching Planning and Organization Section. Administrative staff is directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of Scholarship Office. Administrative staff is directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of the Research Office. Administrative staff is directed to work remotely. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of the IT Support Office (USOS). Administrative staff is directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of the Section for Degrees and Doctoral Studies. Administrative staff is directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of the Archive. Administrative staff is directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of the Dean's Secretariat for petitioners. There will be two people on duty during the building's working hours. Contact by phone and email is possible. Other employees, in addition to those on duty, are directed to work from home.
- The closure of Students' Office for petitioners. There will be one person on duty in the Polish language studies and one person in the English-language studies. Phone contact is possible between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm. Other administrative staff is directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.

- The closure of the Finance Office for petitioners. One person will be on duty. Phone contact is possible between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm. Other members of the administrative staff are directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.
- The closure of Promotion and Communication Office for petitioners. One person will be on duty. Phone contact is possible between 9:30 and 14:00. Other members of the administrative staff are directed to work from home. Contact by email is possible.
- Building administrators are on duty during office hours 9:30-14:00.
- For the security of the facilities, service staff (one person) will be on duty 24/7.
- The Dean's plenipotentiaries are directed to work from home, in addition to the cases mentioned above. Email contact is possible.
- I would kindly remind you that according to the Ordinance of the Minister of Science and Higher Education from 12th March 2020, amending the regulation on studies (Journal of Laws 2020, item 420), Students' Electronic IDs will remain valid until 31 May 2020. There is no need for students to extend them in person.
- All previous regulations regarding the cancellation of foreign and domestic trips, participation in conferences, reception of guests, rentals, etc. remain in force.
- Didactic and student matters are being coordinated by the Head of the Didactic Unit who will remain in constant contact with you.
- I kindly ask you to keep up-to-date with the current situation by checking the Faculty's website for further announcements.

Information and updates regarding COVID-19

Since the situation is dynamic, it is very important to stay informed. We recommend you to regularly check the following websites:



University of Warsaw COVID-19 FAQ

<http://en.uw.edu.pl/frequently-asked-questions-regarding-the-situation-at-uw-in-connection-with-covid-19-received-after-10th-march-2020/>

University of Warsaw, Announcements on COVID-19

<http://en.uw.edu.pl/the-university-of-warsaw-announcements-on-coronavirus-sars-cov-2/>

Welcome Point, What you should know about the COVID-19

(including hospitals that you should contact if you recognise any of the symptoms of COVID -19)

<http://welcome.uw.edu.pl/what-you-should-know-about-the-coronavirus/>

In case you bought a long-term ticket for public transport in Warsaw and are currently not using it, you can suspend it by typing the number of your transport card: <https://zawieswkm.wtp.waw.pl/>

Suspicion of infection with COVID-19

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you recognise the symptoms of coronavirus infection or have had contact with a person infected, please call a sanitary-epidemiological station or seek medical help at an infection or observation ward.

800 190 590 – National Health Fund helpline number for dealing with suspected coronavirus infection (also operating in English).

If you have any questions about coronavirus and the functioning of the University of Warsaw, send an email here:
InfoCovid19@adm.uw.edu.pl

The list of the sanitary-epidemiological stations in Warsaw:

- Provincial Sanitary and Epidemiological Station in Warsaw, Żelazna 79,
phone number: 22 620 37 19 (extension 500)
- Border Sanitary and Epidemiological Station in Warsaw, Żwirki i Wigury 1
phone number: 22 650 25 33
- Powiat Sanitary and Epidemiological Station in Warsaw, Kochanowskiego 21
phone number: 22 310 79 00



Announcement on the closure of the borders of the Republic of Poland

Summary of the Announcement on the closure of the borders of the Republic of Poland, as a result of which:

- From March 15, we are temporarily reintroducing border control for a period of 10 days,
- Poles returning to the country must undergo a 14-day home quarantine,
- We are not closing food shops; banks and service outlets remain open,

- We are introducing restrictions on the operation of shopping centres - grocery stores, drugstores, pharmacies and laundrettes remain open in these centres,
- We are introducing a ban on public gatherings of more than 50 people,
- Restaurants, bars and cafes will only be available for takeouts and delivery.

Borders

- From Sunday, 15 March, we are closing the borders of our country to foreigners for 10 days. All Polish citizens who are abroad can return to the country.
- After crossing the border, Polish citizens will be medically examined and directed to a 14-day home quarantine.

Mandatory quarantine does not apply to:

- people from border areas who live in Poland but work every day in a neighbouring country and who cross the border regularly,
- foreigners who live in a neighbouring country but work in Poland and cross the border regularly,
- professional drivers of freight and passenger transport carrying out their duties.

The ban does not apply to:

- spouses of Polish citizens,
- children of Polish citizens,
- people with Karta Polaka,
- people who have the right of permanent or temporary residence in Poland or a work permit,
- diplomats,
- foreigners who operate a means of transport for the carriage of goods.

- Borders remain open to the flow of goods.
- We are suspending international passenger air flights and international rail travel.
- Domestic air, rail and car travel remains unchanged.
- It will be possible to leave Poland by road transport at border crossings. The restrictions apply to entering the country.
- We are undertaking similar activities as the countries of our region: Slovakia, the Czech Republic, but also the USA and Israel.
- The army is not closing roads, towns or cities. We are limiting the inflow of foreigners to Poland, but we are not closing towns or cities. There is no need to surround any place with a sanitary cordon at this time – the situation does not require it.