

## **Temporary suspension of full-time studies at Comenius University and Slovak Technical University: Declaration of the rectors**

Due to the spreading of coronavirus COVID-19 and culminating influenza epidemic the rectors of Comenius University and the Slovak Technical University decided to establish some precautions to prevent spreading of the disease. Since we are the 2 largest Slovak universities with more than 30 thousand students, and we run the largest Slovak student dormitories in Mlynská dolina, we take the situation seriously and we feel responsible for the health of our students and employees.

The measures were taken after consultation with an expert from the Ministry of Healthcare for epidemiology as well as the Chief Medical Officer of the Slovak Republic.

1. Full-time studies are temporarily cancelled for 2 weeks from Monday March 9th until Saturday March 21st. Educational process will continue by the means of self-study at home or any other fitting method. More information will be provided by the deans of individual faculties.
2. All teachers are asked to provide students with materials and information about self-study.
3. Slovak students were advised to return home from the dormitories but **Erasmus+ students and all international students are allowed to stay at the dormitories**

Some tips for prevention:

1. Wash your hands regularly with soap or disinfectant based on alcohol.
2. Avoid crowded spaces.
3. Avoid contact with people who are sick.
4. Avoid touching your face (especially eyes, nose and mouth).
5. Stay at home when you are sick.
6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

If you feel sick and think you might have the new virus, please contact the info line of the Ministry of Healthcare at +421 800 221 234.

Please follow the information in your university mailboxes, the webpage of Comenius University as well as social media, it will be regularly updated.