

**Rector**

Hradec Králové, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Students of the UHK,

I would like to address you here and before the beginning of the academic year, because it looks like it will be as non-standard as the end of the last academic year was. All the world is facing the new coronavirus pandemic, it has a deep impact on our everyday lives. It is important to take the threat of this illness seriously, but also to have a critical and rational approach and that is typical exactly for the higher education institutions. The management of the University of Hradec Králové and of the faculties would like to assure you that we take all essential steps to minimise the contagion risks at the UHK. At the same time we don't want to complicate or make your studies and lives at the UHK unpleasant to no effect. Based on the above let me give you some general information and facts that will be part of the everyday life at the UHK in the following period. Please, pay them particular attention. I sincerely ask you to help us keep and form the system as it develops. Probably the system will change due to the updates. I hope, we will be able to keep track in these strange times. I truly believe, that only together, responsibly and with caution, we will manage to handle the current situation with dignity.

I sincerely wish you easy and healthy beginning of the new academic year.

Best regards

**Kamil Kuča**

*rector of the UHK*

## **COVID WEB PAGE**

A new page on the UHK website will be launched at the beginning of the new academic year. This special page will be part of the main menu. You can find all updated information, relating to pandemic situation and life at UHK, [here](#).

The page will be divided into two sections - one section for employees, academics and one section for students. I recommend to follow and pay particular attention to this page that will be regularly updated. Among details about study issues, you will also be able to find updates, about current measures that will be valid throughout the UHK including exceptions, [here](#).

## **COVID ALERT (SEMAPHORE)**

We work on so called COVID ALERT (SEMAPHORE) for you to be able to clearly follow current situation. This system will monitor the illness occurrence and intensity that could affect the UHK functioning. Rules will be set according to this alert. It is essential to keep to the rules according to the current threat situation. The covid alert (semaphore) might change promptly, so again it is essential to follow the new page at the UHK website, where the alert will be regularly updated.

## **FORM**

To prevent and minimise the risk of infection spread at the UHK faculties premises, it is necessary to track the movement of people, who have been in contact with covid-positive individuals, consistently and thoroughly. The measures shall be set to minimise further spread of the illness. This is one of the reasons why employees or students, who have been ordered quarantine, suspect or have been confirmed covid-19 positive, have to follow the bursar's directive 08/2020 and fill in the web form available [here](#).

## **PROTECTIVE MASKS AT UHK**

The obligation to wear a mask and related regulations are set in the measures by the Czech government or in the alert mentioned above. Still I would like to ask every one of you to wear a protective mask, please don't underestimate the situation and be considerate of others. The measures and approaches might change depending on your faculty, all updates will be available at the new UHK COVID WEB PAGE.