

Rector

Hradec Králové, 23rd October 2020

Dear UHK Students,

let me take this opportunity and turn to you in these difficult days, hit by the pandemic COVID-19. I would sincerely like to ask you for cooperation with those, who fight for lifes of people with serious symptoms, for cooperation with members of the emergency services, in general for cooperation with public in the Czech Republic. It is evident that the number of COVID-19 infected grows. As you may know, even the UHK employees and students are among the infected. I appeal to you, the students of the University of Hradec Králové, for taking the current situation seriously as the worsening situation in the Czech Republic concerns everyone in the Czech Republic, including our relatives or friends.

Mass media inform that the restrictive measures against the spread of COVID-19 infection are not respected especially by young people. According to sociological surveys, the young people think that this issue does not concern them. I ask you, the students of the University of Hradec Králové, to set a good example to your peers, friends, youth, the situation is really getting worse.

You are the members of the Academia at the UHK, the community that should be socially responsible, stable and reliable partner for the Czech public. Our responsibility is to set an example, make all the efforts to develop the country, help the society to be fit and well-educated. We are here to show the direction that our society should take.



I know that most of you is well aware of the current situation and we know about the importance of your activities. I also know, it is difficult not to get lost in so many discussions of so-called experts. It is important to use critical thinking when others play down the seriousness of the situation. Epidemiologists are the responsible experts, who know what to do at the moment. We are obliged to follow their instructions to help to ease the spread of the coronavirus.

Therefore I ask you to minimise meeting your acquaintances, your friends. Set an example and show that respecting the governmental measures is not a shame but essential and responsible approach. Use online communication tools effectively, do not endanger yourselves, neither your relatives, friends. I promise that we will compensate this social isolation and all the events and activities regularly organised at the UHK will return, when it is possible.

I am fully aware that it is difficult to be well oriented in the current situation. It all complicates your lives and studies, it is no pleasure for anyone. I believe that we will be able to manage the situation as we did in spring, we can make it together. We are in it together.

Thank you for understanding and let me wish good health to you and your relatives

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