



# BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS

## **Further measures in relation to enhanced epidemiological protection March 11, 2020**

In the Government Decree 40/2020. (III. 11.) the Government of Hungary declared a state of emergency throughout Hungary. On the basis of the Government Decree and the information provided by the responsible Ministry of Innovation and Technology, the Coordination Committee takes the following measures with effect from 19:00 on March 11, 2020:

### **I. Suspension of educational activities**

1. The regular education activities at BME shall be suspended and reorganized for an indefinite period from 12:00 am on March 12, 2020, as follows:
  - a) March 12-13, 2020 (Thursday and Friday): extraordinary School Holiday ordered by the Rector;
  - b) March 16-20, 2020: Spring Holiday;
  - c) starting from March 23, 2020, the teaching activities shall be carried out in an extraordinary working order, using distance learning methods (through advanced technologies, information systems).
2. Due to the emergency situation, the Spring Semester will be extended until August 31, 2020, and certain study activities (e.g. laboratory exercises, exams, final exams) may be completed by this date.
3. The Coordination Committee shall decide later, in consultation with the Ministry, on the schedule of the remainder of the semester.

### **II. Provisions concerning students**

1. During the period of suspension of regular education activity, i.e. from 12:00 AM, 12 March 2020
  - a) students, excluding PhD students, are prohibited to enter the university;
  - b) Hungarian citizens or dormitory residents having permanent residence in Hungary must leave the dormitory without delay (not later than by 15 March 2020) and return to their place of residence;
  - c) foreign dormitory residents not having permanent residence in Hungary may remain in the dormitory, if their return to their permanent residence (home) is not possible.
2. In the light of the emergency, the Government will temporarily amend certain higher education laws, including those on reclassification.

3. The student can deal with any case related to his / her studies only electronically.

### **III. Provisions concerning university staff**

1. Employees (irrespective of their employment status) are required to fulfil their duties according to the regular working order, may enter the university, but must comply with the restrictions provided by the previous measures taken on the epidemiological protection activities.
2. During the Extraordinary Holiday – March 12-22, 2020 – instructors shall develop distance learning methods to carry out their educational activities.
3. Fulfilment of duties related to the operation of BME (operation, finance, IT, HR and other services, typically the responsibilities of the Chancellery) remain unchanged, and the restrictions do not apply to personnel carrying out these activities. The same applies to organizations providing services to the institution within the university, and to companies and their employees.