

**Decree
of the Rector of
Gdańsk University of Technology
No. 1/2021 of 14 January 2021**

on: the introduction of rules and regulations regarding education, including remote mode, remaining on the Gdańsk University of Technology premises and the procedure to be followed in the event of suspicion or disease of COVID-19 among students, doctoral students and employees of Gdańsk University of Technology in connection with the ongoing epidemic on the territory of the Republic of Poland caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus infections.

§1 Pursuant to Art. 23 sec. 1 in conjunction with paragraph 2 point 2), Art. 50 sec. 1, Art. 51 sec. 1 of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science (consolidated text Journal of Laws of 2020, item 85, as amended) pursuant to the provisions of §1 sec. 1 point 1) *in fine* of the regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 30 October 2018 on the method of ensuring safe and hygienic working and educational conditions at universities, and bearing in mind the provisions of the Act of 2 March 2020 on special solutions related to preventing, counteracting and combating COVID-19, other infectious diseases and crisis situations caused by them (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 374) and § 1 sec. 4 and § 2 sec. 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 16 October 2020 on the temporary limitation of the operation of certain entities of the higher education and science system in connection with preventing, counteracting and combating COVID-19 (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 1835) and on the basis of the provisions of the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 21 December 2020 on the establishment of certain restrictions, orders and bans in connection with the epidemic state (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 2316) defining the territory of the Republic of Poland as an area, in which there is an epidemic caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus infections, in connection with the ongoing state of the epidemic, I am hereby introducing rules for education, including remote mode, remaining on the Gdańsk University of Technology premises and the procedures for dealing with suspected or contracted COVID-19 among students, doctoral students and employees of Gdańsk University of Technology, constituting an Annexe to these regulations.

§2 The Decree of the Rector of GUT No. 38/2020 of 25 June 2020 and 71/2020 of 16 October 2020 shall expire.

§3 The Decree comes into force on the day of issue.

Rector

prof. Krzysztof Wilde, corresponding member of the PAS

Annexe
to the Decree of the Rector of GUT
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Rules for education, including remote mode, remaining on the Gdańsk University of Technology premises and the procedure for dealing with suspicion or disease of COVID-19 among students, PhD students and employees of Gdańsk University of Technology in connection with the ongoing epidemic on the territory of the Republic of Poland caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus infections

1. Classes at the University - Gdańsk University of Technology and Doctoral Schools - until the epidemic state is resolved or legal restrictions, orders and bans in connection with the epidemic are lifted, are conducted remotely, i.e. using distance learning methods and techniques.

1.1. It is allowed to conduct classes in a stationary (traditional) and / or mixed – ‘hybrid’ manner with regard to the following classes:

- a) which cannot be implemented with the use of distance learning methods and techniques,
- b) provided for in the study program to be implemented in the last year of first-cycle, second-cycle and uniform Master studies.

1.2. The deans of the faculties will define the list of general, practical classes provided for in the programs of full-time, part-time and postgraduate studies on an ongoing basis, and in relation to the classes provided for in the study programs for the last year of first and second-cycle studies, which will be carried out remotely or in a mixed ‘hybrid’ manner in compliance with sanitary and epidemiological rules, and such information, including updates on the manner of carrying out such classes, will be posted each time on the websites of the faculties.

1.3. Heads of Doctoral Schools will define the list of practical classes provided for in education in doctoral schools on an ongoing basis, which will be carried out in a remote or mixed – ‘hybrid’ manner, in accordance with sanitary and epidemiological principles, and such information, including updates on the manner of carrying out such classes, will be posted on the school websites.

1.4. Physical education classes at the Academic Sports Center of Gdańsk University of Technology are conducted in a mixed - ‘hybrid’ form, which involves: conducting traditional classes for students interested in this form, and the possibility of taking physical education classes in a remote form, by students who do not want or cannot participate in traditional classes. The implementation of traditional classes will take place in accordance with the guidelines of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, in the applicable sanitary regime and in accordance with the rules in force in a given facility.

2. Verification of the learning outcomes achieved at the University and the results confirming the implementation of the education program at Doctoral Schools in the academic year 2020/2021, in particular exams and final credits, are conducted remotely using electronic means of communication, subject to point 2.1 and point 2.2.

2.1. In justified cases, verification of the learning outcomes achieved during studies or confirming the implementation of the education program at Doctoral Schools, in part or in

full, may be carried out on the University's premises (<https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja-i-nauka/funkcjonowanie-uczelni-po-28-grudnia-2020-r-zmiany-w-obostrzeniach>) in compliance with the sanitary and epidemic requirements in accordance with applicable regulations, especially regarding other restrictions, orders, bans during the epidemic period and in accordance with recommendations and guidelines of the Chief Sanitary Inspector. Decisions on the organization of exams and credits are made by the Dean of the Faculty in consultation with the teacher responsible for the subject and the starost of the year, and in the case of education at Doctoral Schools, School Heads.

2.2. The director of the Academic Sports Center of Gdańsk University of Technology will determine the method of completing physical education classes carried out in a mixed-‘hybrid’ form.

3. At the student's request addressed to the dean, the diploma examination may be conducted in a traditional way, in compliance with the rules and means of personal protection, or remotely, using the University e-learning platform of GUT or another communication platform ensuring real-time image and sound transmission.

4. The organization of events, parties, assemblies and conferences at the University is possible after obtaining the Rector's written consent. The organizer should take into account the applicable restrictions, orders and prohibitions in connection with the occurrence of the epidemic.

5. In the case of excluding the area of the city of Gdańsk from the red zone, or changing the restrictions within this zone, qualifying to another zone, changing the restrictions or their cancellation, the rules described in points 1-4 inclusive apply to the extent that is not inconsistent with the new legal regulations, in any case until they are revoked by the rector.

6. Employees, students and doctoral students of Gdańsk University of Technology are obliged to comply with the generally applicable rules and regulations, in particular those regarding the establishment of certain restrictions, orders and bans in connection with the occurrence of an epidemic as well as the rector's decrees related to the current epidemic situation.

7. In particular, employees, students and doctoral students during their stay in the buildings of Gdańsk University of Technology and on the campus of Gdańsk University of Technology, especially on squares, roads and communication routes, are advised to keep a distance of 1.5 meters from other people and are reminded of the legal obligation to cover their mouths and noses through the use of generally available means, i.e. with clothing or its parts, face masks, visors or a protective helmet. Frequent hand disinfection is obligatory in accordance with applicable regulations (www.gov.pl/web/koronawirus/aktualne-zasady-iograniczenia).

8. Only as many people as indicated in the information on the entrance door may remain in the classrooms.

9. In order to limit direct contacts, it is recommended to settle matters by phone or e-mail (scans of documents), if possible.

10. In all rooms, such as secretarial offices, dean's offices, financial departments, faculty offices, etc., applicants and students are admitted individually with basic safety measures, i.e. prior disinfection of hands before entering the room, using masks or other safeguards listed in point 5 to cover the mouth and nose and reminded to keep away from employees (minimum 1.5 m).

11. All rooms should be ventilated frequently and surfaces exposed to viruses should be disinfected with appropriate frequency.

12. A person who suspects that they have had contact with a person suffering from COVID-19 should undergo preventive confinement. The decision in this regard is made by the employee's immediate superior, in the case of a student by the faculty dean, and in the case of a doctoral student by the dean or school head.

13. A person who noticed symptoms of the disease, such as: persistent cough, difficulty breathing, fever, malaise, loss of smell or taste, should contact the GP (POZ) by phone and remain in their place of residence. The employee should notify his/her immediate supervisor about the planned absence from work. The time of absence from work will be justified by a sick leave, a decision of the sanitary epidemiological station, or - at the employee's request - a vacation leave. The student notifies the dean's office about the absence, the doctoral student notifies the dean's office or the secretary's office of the doctoral school.

14. Procedure in the event of a suspected coronavirus infection of a person staying at the University: a) the person staying at the University who noticed the symptoms referred to in point 11, is obliged to put on a protection covering on the mouth and nose, disinfect hands and immediately inform the superior or the dean's office about his/her condition. After agreeing on the further procedure, the person should go to his/her place of residence, where they are obliged to contact the GP (POZ), b) the room where the possibly infected person stayed is secured and disinfected, c) the superior or the appropriate dean prepares a list of people who had direct contact with the person suspected of being infected. Direct contact is defined as being in the same room with the person suspected of having COVID-19 infection at a distance of less than 2 meters for more than 15 minutes.

15. Inhabitants of dormitories who notice any disease symptoms indicating COVID-19, such as those mentioned in point 11, are obliged to: a) immediately report this fact by phone to the reception desk and to refrain from moving around the common parts of the building, b) contact the doctor via teleconsultation in order to determine the further procedure.

16. A person diagnosed with COVID-19 follows the sanitary and epidemiological recommendations available on the website of the Chief Sanitary Inspectorate (www.gov.pl/web/gis).

17. In the event of a suspicion or confirmation of COVID-19 in a student or university employee, if this fact will affect the method of conducting classes, the relevant deans decide on the further method of conducting classes.

18. University employees work according to the current rules, with increased safety measures and sanitary regime.