

Extension of the state of epidemiological emergency

The DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS of 7 October 2020 extending the state of emergency until 31 January 2021 has been published on the Official Gazette.

The Prime Ministerial Decree of 13.10.2020 in combination with the Prime Ministerial Decree of 18.10.2020, that most concern the University

These PMDs confirm a more restrictive interpretation of the well-known prevention obligations that are in place. This communication is intended to point out some topics and the observance of the rules currently in place in accordance with both the regulations and the guidelines adopted by UNIMORE.

1. Obligation to wear face masks

Art. 5 of Leg. Decree no. 125 of 7 October 2020, (also confirmed in PMD of 13.10.2020, Art.1 paragraph 1) provides for the obligation to have always with you a respiratory PPE, as well as the obligation to wear it in all indoor places other than private dwellings (except for a few cases). With PMD of 13.10.2020 (Art. 1 paragraph 5) the use of respiratory PPE **supplements** the other protection measures (note: i.e. they are not alternative or substitute measures)

2. Social distancing

It restates the obligation to keep the social distancing of at least 1 metre (Art. 1 paragraph 2) (for UNIMORE the minimum distance is still 1.5 metres)

3. Obligation to apply prevention measures to people access

Prevention measures regarding people access are confirmed, as well as the obligation to stay at home if you have a fever and respiratory infection (Art.1 paragraph 6, a))

4. Performances with an audience

Performances open to an audience, even outdoor, may take place only with preassigned and distanced seats. A maximum of 1000 people outdoor and 200 indoor is permitted. (Art.1 paragraph 6, m))

5. Conventions and congresses

All convention and congress activities are suspended, except for those taking place by remote; ...; within public administrations, meetings are held remotely, except in case there are justified reasons; (Art.1 paragraph 6, n-bis))

6. Museum opening

The opening to the public of museums and other institutions and cultural venues must take into account the size of the spaces available and limit the number of accesses accordingly (Art.1 paragraph 6, q))

7. Training courses

Specific training courses in general medicine may be carried out ... In any case, courses for doctors undergoing specialised medical training and the activities of healthcare and medical professions trainees may continue also in remote mode. Qualifying examinations for vocational and training education programmes may also take place, in accordance with the provisions of each region, as well as training courses required on health and safety,

subject to the observance of the measures included in the “Technical document on the potential reformulation of SARS-CoV-2 transmission containment measures in the workplace and prevention strategy”, published by INAIL. (Art.1 paragraph 6, r));

8. Meetings of collegial bodies

Meetings of collegial bodies of all levels may be held face-to-face or remotely based on the possibility to ensure physical distancing and, therefore, the safety of the personnel attending them (Art.1 paragraph 6, r));

9. Education trips and internship activity

Education trips, exchange or twinning activities, guided tours and educational outings however named, planned by school institutions of all levels, are suspended, except for the activities relating to programmes for cross-functional skills and guidance, as well as internship activities included in the decree no. 249 of 10 September 2010 issued by the Ministry of Education, University, and Research, that will be carried out where it is possible to ensure the compliance with the current healthcare and safety prescriptions (Art. 1 paragraph 6, s));

10. University teaching activities

After consulting the relevant Regional University Committee, and based on the development of the epidemiologic situation, universities prepare organisation plans for face-to-face and remote teaching and curricular activities depending on the training needs and considering the development of the local pandemic situation and consequent healthcare safety needs, and in any case in compliance with the guidelines of the Ministry of University and Research as per Annex 18, and based on the protocol for the management of COVID-19 confirmed and suspect cases, as per Annex 22; Art.1 paragraph 6, t));

11. Teaching activities by remote

To the benefit of those students who are unable to attend the teaching or curricular activities in universities and high artistic, musical, and choral training institutions, these activities may be carried out, where possible, by remote, as identified by the same universities and institutions, also considering the needs of students with disabilities. Where deemed necessary and in any case by identifying the relevant modes, universities and institutions ensure the recovery of training and curricular activities, and of any other test or examination - even mid-term - that is functional to the completion of the educational programme. Student absences as per this letter are not counted for the purpose of the admission to final examinations, or relevant evaluations; (Art.1 paragraph 6, u)

12. Publication of information on hygiene measures

...in schools of all levels, in universities, in other public administration offices, in spaces open to the public, i.e. of main crowding and transit, information on the measures of healthcare hygiene prevention are affixed, as per Annex 19 (Art.3, paragraph 1, c))

13. Travels from and to abroad destinations

Travels from and to various countries are forbidden or limited (Art. 4)

People are required to make a **compulsory statement** (Art. 5) and/or self-isolate, as well as to take a molecular or antigenic test (Art. 6) when entering the national country from various foreign countries.