

Together against COVID-19: Measures at LUNEX University

LUNEX University is actively monitoring the latest developments related to the Covid-19 outbreak and its consequences. We are fully implementing the measures taken by the Luxembourgish authorities. We also strongly encourage all students and staff members to closely adhere to the [guidelines](#) and to the [recommendations on hygiene](#) communicated by the Government. Other general information can be found on [gouvernement.lu](#) and [sante.public.lu](#).

Due to the restrictions of movement imposed by the different EU governments to limit the spread of the virus, LUNEX University temporarily replaced traditional lectures on campus, by alternative teaching methods.

On the 4th of May 2020, with the measures for a gradual exit from the state of confinement rolled out by the Luxembourg authorities, LUNEX University staff resumed on-site work, while in-class teaching was gradually reintroduced starting the 11th of May 2020.

In order to ensure the safety of our staff and students and to reduce possible virus transmission, precautionary measures as instructed by the relevant Luxembourg authorities have been in effect from that date until necessary. These measures have affected regular teaching/learning/support operations in addition to the use of staff offices, classrooms, rest rooms, kitchens, and the administrative areas students and staff use for face-to-face interaction.

External lecturers were informed prior to visiting LUNEX University of the regulations in place regarding health and safety measures.

Barrier gestures and safety rules:

- Observe the 2-metre distance between persons at all time, when not wearing a mask; where the distance cannot be observed a mask is to be worn by both parties.
- Wash hands regularly with liquid soap, particularly before and after meals, after using the toilet, when hands are dirty. Wipe hands with disposable paper towels.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or into a disposable tissue, throw them in a dustbin with a lid.
- Welcome each other without physical contact (i.e. shaking hands).

- Do not share personal equipment (tablet, phones, stationary).
- Stay at home if you show any symptoms of Covid-19, or if you are proven to have had close contact with an infected person.
- General classrooms: Every person should, at all times, wear a mask. This comprises sitting at a desk, entering and leaving classrooms and waiting to enter classrooms.
- In the student restrooms with more than one toilet or basin, only one person is allowed to enter at any time. Anyone wishing to use the rest room should first knock, open carefully and call to see if the room is occupied before entering. Queuing for the rest rooms outside requires the minimum distance to be observed. Toilet lids are requested to be closed before flushing. After using the toilet, hands have to be washed in line with the issues guidelines for hygiene.
- Masks are to be disposed in a bin with a lid. Do not litter.
- Compulsorily wearing a mask, only one student at a time is allowed to enter the study services area, and students must wear masks when entering. While speaking to or counselling students in any other room or space, the minimum distances must be observed.
- In practical classes, only pairs of students can work together. It is compulsory to wear a face mask and gloves and the use of only one treatment table/ bed is permitted. Treatment tables/beds are spaced so that the minimum distance can be maintained between pairs of students. In this setting one student acts as a “patient/subject” and the other acts as an “assessor/physiotherapist”. Before each use of the bed and each time the student “patient” swaps with the student “physiotherapist”, the tables/beds are sanitized by wiping down the bed with the sanitizer provided. Practical lecturers inform students on the best-practice use of gloves. Students were informed on mobile phone use while gloves are on.
- In the student lab, if any procedure requires a subject to breath into equipment causing that piece of equipment to be effectively contaminated, only one subject is to be used as a demo. The equipment is sanitized before use.
- All outdoor activities will allow for a maximum of 20 persons per lesson. Students will not be involved in competitive activities and they will be tested individually with the recommended social distance in place.

Personal protective equipment and hygienic materials

To ensure that all on-site activities are carried out safely and in line with the temporary recommendations issued by the Service de Santé au Travail Multisectoriel (STM), personal protective equipment and hygienic material has been made available to students and staff members. These include:

- 5 surgical masks per staff members, provided by the Chamber of Commerce, usage time 8 hours per day, disposable in normal bins with a lid,
- 2 additional reusable, washable fabric masks per staff member and student; these masks are to be washed daily at 60 degrees Celsius,
- single-use disposable gloves for practical classes,
- disinfectant gel in classrooms and common spaces,
- surface disinfectant,
- disposable paper towels.

Cleaning and disinfection

Special consideration is given to the cleaning and disinfection of various areas and equipment on the campus in order to align with the recommendations issued by the Service de Santé au Travail Multisectoriel (STM).

Regular aeration of classrooms and offices is enforced.

To ensure social distancing and to reduce possible transmission of the virus, student common areas and restrooms were reorganized.

Communication of barrier gestures and enforcement of precautionary measures

To ensure proper communication and enforcement of such, posters with the barrier gestures and the precautionary measures have been displayed throughout the campus. These highlight the:

- obligation to wear a mask,
- how to wash hands,
- precautionary measures,
- mandatory 2m distance,
- maximum allowance of person using a particular area.

LUNEX University students and staff members are regularly updated via email on the barrier gestures and safety rules to observe on campus.