

Dear Students,

As of March 1, 2022, the Regulation of the Minister of Health of December 22, 2021, amending the regulation on the declaration of an epidemic state on the territory of the Republic of Poland, introducing compulsory vaccination against COVID-19 for students of medical universities, will apply.

This applies to students studying in the professions:

- physician,
- dentist
- pharmacist
- nurse,
- midwife,
- laboratory diagnostician,
- physiotherapist,
- paramedic.

In accordance with regulations, students of the programs mentioned above will be allowed to participate in the classes, only if they:

- * will be vaccinated with the full COVID-19 vaccination course and have a valid EU covid certificate, or
- * have not more than six months from a positive SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test result by March 1, 2022, or
- * have a medically certified contraindication to vaccination based on their medical condition.

In order to prepare for these conditions, and above all because of the still high number of SARS-CoV-2 infections, we would like to inform you that **until March 6**, all classes will be conducted using distance learning methods and techniques (in exceptional situations, the Dean of the Faculty may agree to change the form of the classes). The appropriate regulation of the Rector will be published on February 4, 2022.

We know that most of you are vaccinated - the latest data update shows that the percentage of vaccinated PUMS students is 95.80%. Once again, we congratulate you on having one of the best results in Poland. However, remember that vaccinations have legally limited "validity" - pay attention to this.

Clinical trials and real-world evidence, published in reputable journals, indicate that vaccination significantly minimizes the severe course of COVID-19 and reduces the risk of infection. We, therefore, urge all of you who are still unvaccinated or have expired your EU covid certificate to get a vaccination or receive a booster.

As a student of medical university, we always emphasize that we should follow the guidelines of science, bearing in mind, above all, the well-being of our patients.

Please find attached additional information related to the vaccination requirement. The regulation applies only to the fields of study covered by the educational standards (listed at the beginning). It is very likely that it will soon be extended to other groups of students. We urge the entire student body to have a valid vaccination status against SARS-CoV-2.

With best regards

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