

To the Academic Community,

Due to the growing number of COVID 19 cases in Portugal, and in order to keep our academic community safe, the following applies for access to any of the University's *campi*:

- 1. Students, faculty and staff must have a valid Digital Covid Certificate (vaccination, testing or recovery certificate document);
- 2. Those who are exempted for health reasons, do not have to provide the before mentioned documents.

Starting December 27, academic units and services can request proof of valid certificates. It is mandatory to wear masks on campus.

The permanence on campus can be barred to those who do not comply to these norms.

All the measures previously referred for the week of January 2-9 are now taking place starting on December 27.

Therefore, **between December 26 and January 9**, all events are suspended, and all teaching activities will migrate to online platforms. Exams will take place in-person and according to the schedules set by the Academic Units, in strict compliance will all the security rules.

Study rooms will be closed, as well as the bookshop and the stationer's, but libraries and laboratories shall remain open.

Support staff will be working remotely whenever possible from December 26 to January 9, except those whose on-site services are necessary for the *campi* activities. Front office services will continue to be available subject to previous appointment for in-person assistance.

The Rector's Office appreciates everybody's collaboration during this exceptional period, having in mind our academic community's common good.