

RESOLUTION OF THE RECTOR, DATED 27 JULY 2021, ON THE ADOPTION OF NEW MEASURES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (scenario B3)

Since 25 October 2020, the date on which the Department of Health of the Government of Catalonia issued Resolution SLT / 2620/2020 adopting public health measures and restricting night-time mobility in order to contain the epidemic outbreak of COVID-19 in Catalonia, the same Department has issued successive resolutions, which the UdG has adapted in different resolutions of the rector establishing scenarios B1 and B2 (29 October 2020 and 24 April 2021, respectively).

The ending of the state of emergency on 9 May 2021, according to Royal Decree 956/2020 of 3 November, the acceleration of the vaccination process, the good results of the screenings carried out in April 2021 at the University of Girona and the advance in knowledge of the behaviour of the pandemic have made it possible to adopt more appropriate measures to the current situation and the foreseeable situation at the beginning of the next academic year 2021-2022, as indicated in the new *Sectorial Plan of Universities. Academic year 2021-2022 (21 July 2021)*, presented by the Department of Research and Universities, approved by the Technical Committee of the PROCICAT, and on 21 July by the Steering Committee of the PROCICAT Action Plan for emergencies associated with emerging transmissible diseases with high risk potential.

That is why this resolution sets out the current measures that are being maintained, and others that are new in consideration of the current situation described, in accordance with the *Sectorial Plan of Universities. Academic year 2021-2022*. All this sets up a new scenario at the UdG (scenario B3), which is expected to remain in force at the beginning of the 2021-2022 academic year and which, depending on the evolution of the pandemic, may lead to other scenarios for combating COVID-19, in which the academic, research and management activity of the UdG may be affected.

In order to help contain the epidemiological outbreak and to facilitate compliance with the measures approved by the competent authorities, this resolution is therefore issued; and by virtue of the powers granted to me by Articles 93 and 97 of the Statutes of the University of Girona (Agreement GOV / 94/2011, of 7 June, approving the modification of the Statutes of the University of Girona and the publication of its full text is available - DOGC no. 5897, of 9 June 2011) and Royal Decree 1065/2017, of 22 December, appointing the rector of the University of Girona (BOE no. 316, of 29 December 2017),

RESOLUTION:

First. The closing time of the UdG buildings will be in accordance with that specified in the Work Calendar for the year 2021, approved in session 10/2020 of 14 December 2020 (eBOU-2184).

Second. Cultural and sports activities must comply with the schedule established in the latest Health Resolution SLT / 2331/2021, of 20 July, and the rest of the current regulations.

Third. Work meetings can be held in person, respecting the capacity limits and following the safety protocols stipulated, for each case, by the UdG Occupational Health Office (hereinafter OSL), although it is still recommended to prioritize the non-contact option, especially to reduce mobility and interaction between people from different units.

Fourth. The Central Registration Office, located in the Rector's Office in Les Àligues building and, from 6 September, the auxiliary registration offices, located in the academic secretaries of the teaching centres, will remain open for the provision of the face-to-face registration service. The opening hours for the public have been established in the instructions of the General Secretary 2/2021, of 25 June (DOGC no. 8448, of 2 July 2021). In any case, the use of electronic registration is recommended.

Fifth. The activities of the Consell d'Estudiants, the Consell d'Associacions, the Consell d'Amics i Amigues Seguint UdG, the Aula de Teatre, the Cor de la UdG, Alumni and the associations on the register of associations of the UdG may continue in face-to-face format, albeit with an obligation to follow the security protocols stipulated by the OSL, for each case.

Sixth. With regard to the theory teaching activities of all the official and UdG studies at the University, the *Sectorial Plan of Universities* determines that "the simultaneous presence of the students may be considered up to 70% of the authorized capacity of the spaces where the teaching activities are carried out, as long as the current regulations allow this." The teaching centres will determine and report on the face-to-face or distance modality for the theoretical and practical teaching activities and evaluation activities that are to be carried out, in accordance with the safety protocols stipulated, for each case, by the OSL.

Seventh. The defence of the final bachelor's degree and master's degree theses, and doctoral theses may also be carried out in person, following the security protocols stipulated, for each case, by the OSL.

Eighth. With regard to research and the operation of laboratories and research spaces, including field trips and outdoor spaces at the UdG, people must be distributed in a space and time to maintain safety conditions, following the security protocols stipulated, for each case, by the OSL. The directors of the departments and research institutes, where applicable, are responsible for coordinating the use of the spaces, according to the needs of the research groups.

Ninth. The celebration of all the protocol academic acts of the University of Girona (graduation ceremonies, academic recognitions, inaugurations of course, investiture ceremonies of doctors honoris causa, prize-givings and other similar acts) is authorized in accordance with the security protocols stipulated, for each case, by the OSL.

Tenth. In the Aula Magna Modest Prats of the University of Girona and assembly halls of the educational centres designated for the celebration of the aforementioned protocol academic acts in section Nine of this resolution, a forecast of 70% of the capacity will be permitted, and it will be necessary to keep a register of the people attending or to make a pre-assignment of places. Measures for ventilation and the circulation of the attendees are foreseen to avoid agglomerations.

Eleventh. Given the progressive increase in face-to-face academic activity, the General Manager's Office will determine, by means of an instruction, the necessary organizational changes in the administration in order to guarantee an adequate provision of services, especially with regard to the areas of study and services to the community (in particular the Library, the Sports Service, the Modern Languages Service and the Occupational Health Office). It will also coordinate the progressive adaptation of external services (in particular the cleaning and campus surveillance service, as well as catering and reprographic services) in order to provide the services that the community needs at all times.

Twelfth. Given the progressive vaccination process against COVID-19 for the UdG university community, it is requested that each person from the UdG who is already vaccinated, from any group, report it on the COVID-19 vaccination form, found on "La Meva" through the webpage of the Occupational Health Office ([link](#)), in order to have the correct and up-to-date data, the dimension of the group immunity in the University and to be able to organize more adequately the UdG's own activity.

Likewise, people who are considered a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person, or who have tested positive in a diagnostic test for COVID-19 (PCR or antigens) must report this on the webpage "La meva UdG > +OSL > Incidències".

Thirteenth. To instruct the Contingency Plan Monitoring Committee to update the *Contingency Plan to deal with COVID-19* and to harmonize all security protocols in accordance with the *Sectorial Plan of Universities. Academic year 2021-2022*, from the Department of Research and Universities.

Fourteenth. The resolutions of the rector dated 24 April 2021, on the adoption of new measures in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic (scenario B2) (published in the Official Gazette of the University of Girona no. 6/2021) and 14 May 2021, on the closing hours of the facilities of the Sports Service of the University of Girona, are revoked and no longer valid.

Fifteenth. This resolution will take effect from its publication in the Official Gazette of the University of Girona.

Sixteenth. Publish this Resolution in its entirety in the Official Gazette of the University of Girona.

The rector,

Joaquim Salvi Mas
Girona, 27 July 2021

Against this decision, which ends the administrative route, and regardless of its immediate implementation, the persons concerned may appeal before the rector of the University of Girona within one month from the day following its notification, in accordance with Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, 1 October, of the common administrative procedure, or bring direct administrative action before the administrative courts of Girona, within two months from the day following that of its notification, in accordance with Articles 8.3, 14.1 and 46.1 of Law 29/1998 of 13 July, regulator of the contentious-administrative jurisdiction.

In addition, persons may bring any other action they deem appropriate for the defence of their interests.