Office of the Dean

Guidelines for the implementation of official measures at the Faculty of Medicine to meet the ongoing outbreak of coronavirus

This PM replaces an earlier PM with the same title, which was dated 2021-01-12

With the decision of January 21, 2021, STYR 2020/1100, the Dean established general measures within the faculty to meet the challenges of the ongoing outbreak of Covid-19, as well as specific measures regarding the faculty’s education organisation.

The decision outlines how the university's regulations regarding employees are to be applied within the Faculty of Medicine with regard to this Faculty’s particular conditions. The following is an excerpt:

“At the Faculty of Medicine, employees who do not have to physically be at the workplace in order to maintain essential activities must work from home. The employee’s immediate manager assesses the circumstances with regard to activities and work environment. Essential activities refer to such tasks that can only be performed on site in the faculty's premises, and that cannot be postponed without significant consequences detrimental to personnel, animal welfare or finances.”

The faculty’s institutions have requested a more specific definition of which types of work are deemed essential activities, than was apparent from the implementation guidelines. Ideas from the departments and the education organisation has been put forth of what should be considered essential, which now form the basis of these guidelines. To this end, and in light of the continued serious spread of infection in Skåne, the faculty management has, in collaboration with the heads of the institutions, devised the following guidelines.

Essential Activities

For the assessment of essential activities that cannot be postponed without significant detriment to personnel, animal welfare or finances, please use the following guidelines:

- All Covid-19-related research is essential in the current situation and should continue without interruption or reduced scope.
- Trials and data collection for the production of limited preliminary data in imminent applications for research funding may continue.
- No new series of experiments requiring on-site staff may be started, whether in vivo, in vitro, or involving human subjects.
- Undergraduate and advanced level students, doctoral students, and postdocs, who conduct laboratory work within the framework of their education, must work from home when possible. When laboratory work is required, it must be ensured that the time on site is at a minimum and that
supervision takes place at a safe distance. Experiments in order to finish studies within a regular time plan can be allowed.

- Work may be conducted to ensure that cell lines, bacterial cultures, etc. are not damaged or lost. Experiments with ordered and delivered animals can continue, while new orders should not be placed.

Work Environment

All activities carried out in the faculty's premises must be done so with as limited a staff as possible, and in as short a time as possible. The other regulations and guidelines in place to reduce the spread of infection must always be followed. Please note that the employees' work environment must simultaneously be taken into account. There may be staff who, for work environment reasons, cannot work from home. This assessment is to be made by the employee’s immediate supervisor.

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The established list of managers for communication of corona-related issues