



Universidade do Minho

Reitoria

**Rectoral Order  
RT-24/2020**

Bearing in mind the content of the interactions held today between the University of Minho and the health and civil protection authorities, namely associated with the contribution and adequate measures taken by UMinho for the prevention and control of COVID-19;

Bearing in mind the information regarding the contacts that took place between the student diagnosed as positive and other members of the university community;

Bearing in mind the recommendations set forth by the Commission for the Preparation and Management of the COVID-19 Internal Contingency Plan;

In addition to the provisions set forth in Rectoral Order RT-23/2020, of March 7, it is hereby established that:

1. On the Gualtar campus, in the service units of the University and Social Action Services and in the organic units, all areas designed for in-person, face-to-face service to users will be closed;
2. The pedagogical compounds (buildings 1, 2 and 3) located on the Gualtar campus will be closed;
3. New forms of work will be adopted in the service units operating in the previously-mentioned buildings, namely teleworking;
4. Staff working at the University's service units and Social Action Services units, as well as the organic units, will receive further indication from their senior officers about the procedures affected by the previous sections and by the provisions set forth by Rectoral Order RT-23/2020;
5. Students living at the Santa Tecla Hall of Residence and at the Carlos Lloyd Braga Hall of Residence who have the possibility of temporarily returning home should do so, thus minimizing interpersonal contacts and respecting the recommendations of the General Health Directorate;
6. Students living at the Santa Tecla Hall of Residence - Bloco B and Bloco D, and at the Carlos Lloyd Braga Hall of Residence, are recommended to undergo a voluntary period of prophylactic quarantine;
7. Students who want to stay at the Santa Tecla Hall of Residence - Bloco B and Bloco D, and at the Carlos Lloyd Braga Hall of Residence must duly inform the Social Action Services. All the necessary conditions (namely food, health care, hygiene, etc.) will be provided for these students, so as to comply with the prophylactic quarantine period.

These additional measures correspond to the University's effort to contribute, within the scope of its social responsibility, towards solving the public health problem that affects the country.

We should like to remind all members of the university community to take a calm and responsible position on this matter, helping the University to handle in the best possible way with the crisis we face.

This rectoral order shall have immediate effect.

The Rector of the University of Minho