



Universidade do Minho

Rectory

**Rectoral Order
RT-25/2020**

In light of:

- the content of the interactions carried out in the last few days between the University of Minho and the authorities of health and civil protection;
- the worsening of the health situation in the northern region of the country in recent hours;
- the need to mitigate the scenario of great instability that affects the life of the University;
- the need for the University to take a stand that may actively contribute to the prevention and control of the COVID-19;
- the recommendations of the Committee for the Development and Management of the COVID-2019 Internal Contingency Plan;

1. The suspension of face-to-face teaching activities throughout the University of Minho is hereby determined.
2. The following provisions settled in orders RT-23/2020, of 7th March, and RT-24/2020, of 8th March, shall remain in force:
 - a) Travelling on official mission is not authorised;
 - b) Previously authorised travels on official missions are suspended;
 - c) Buildings 1, 2, 3 and 15 of the campus of Gualtar remain closed;
 - d) The voluntary submission of students, professors, researchers and technical, administrative and management workers from countries with confirmed cases of Covid-19 to a 14-day quarantine period after their arrival in the country is recommended.
3. Additionally, it is hereby determined, for the entire University:
 - a) The closure of library services and food/nutritional units;
 - b) The suspension of sporting events and activities;
 - c) The suspension of meetings of panels of selection and juries of academic examinations (master's, doctorate, aggregation and title of specialist), as well as the holding of conferences, seminars, ceremonies and events of a similar nature;
 - d) The closure of all areas of face-to-face service or assistance to users in the organic units, service units, cultural units and Social Services;
 - e) The suspension of the *outgoing* and *incoming* mobility of students, professors, researchers and technical, administrative and management workers.
4. In order to protect the well-being of professors, researchers and technical, administrative and management workers, teleworking will be privileged, whenever possible and adequate. The

heads of the organic units, service units and cultural units, as well as of the Social Services, shall be responsible for defining the workflow and how it is organised.

5. The control and validation of attendance in the period of suspension of the biometric reading terminals shall be carried out by the direct superior.
6. Students who are staying at the University's residences and who are able to temporarily return to their homes should do so, while minimising interpersonal contacts and abiding by the recommendations of the General Directorate of Health.
7. Students who are staying at the Carlos Lloyd Braga Residence and at the Santa Tecla Residence (Block B and Block D) must remain under prophylactic quarantine, while being provided with all the conditions necessary for their permanence at such residences (namely food, health care, hygiene, etc.)

All members of the university community are urged to take a calm and responsible stand, thus helping the University to deal with the crisis it faces in an optimum manner.

The academic community's reaction to the adverse situation we are experiencing today is revealing of a high level of maturity at the University and reinforces its role as a reference institution.

This Order shall be reviewed based on every assessment that, at each moment, is made of the adequacy of the measures now adopted to the purpose of prevention and control of the COVID-19.

Orders RT-22/2020, of 6th March, RT-23/2020, of 7th March, and RT-24/2020, of 8th March are hereby revoked.

This order takes immediate effect.

The Rector of the University of Minho