Dear Students,

This letter should answer to many of your questions which naturally raised in recent days. Therefore, please read it attentively till the end.

Situation in general

As you already know, quarantine in Lithuania begins on March 16, 00:00. Various restrictions apply till March 30. Educational institutions are instructed to organize distanced educational process.

Till March 27, LSMU study process is suspended for students in all study cycles, in all study forms and in all courses, including clinical medical practice (internship) and theoretical part of residency studies. Students are granted holiday.

University departments responsible for the studies must prepare for a distance learning and to do all the required changes in the study plans and schedules to ensure fulfilment of study program requirements.

Distance Learning

The Action Team consisting of the faculty members has been established by Rector’s Order for coordination of study process modification. According to their estimations 70 percent of LSMU study courses have enough materials online and can be performed online already now.

Due to objective and understandable reasons, the most complicated rearrangement shall happen with clinical and practical classes. Due to quarantine requirements some technical problems could appear at clinical departments. Universities round the world are facing the similar difficulties and are searching for the better solutions. LSMU is feeling great responsibility for the students and study processes, therein, and is doing the best to solve the actual situation. Tomorrow and during the next few days the new decisions will be taken, and all students will be informed about the future actions. We would kindly ask for your understanding and tolerance in that period. If a case, your providence or advice could be very useful.

We all are facing such a crisis for the first time and only our common actions will help us to overcome these handicaps by making us stronger and more experienced.

What can you do during the holiday time?

This is a time to rest, concentrate, improve the immune system and, if need, to prepare for distance study in order to overcome this indefinite situation.

At the moment, it is very important for everyone to start (who has not already done so) use to the University email (name.surname@stud.lsmu.lt).
Everyone must check their connections to the University's information systems: “Moodle”, Office 365”, “Teams”, “LSMU library” (more information about library listed here: https://bit.ly/2TONcQ6)

All information how to login to the University electronic systems (“Office 365”, “Teams”, “Moodle”) are listed here: https://pagalba.lsmuni.lt/lt/studentui (LT/ENG). Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate contact the contacts listed at the end of each topic.

In the near future, the University will develop and update modules for distance learning of key competencies and prepare the opportunity to test the distance learning system themselves.

Exams

Concerns about exams reach us, particularly taking or postponing final (graduation) exam, shortening of study process or delaying to the summertime, and other questions. So far, no decisions has been taken.

All the decisions and rearrangements will depend on pandemic situation and decisions taken by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania for management of pandemic situation. The university, following these decisions, will look for the most favourable solutions for students.

Practice

- Questions related to the residency and clinical medical practice (internship) will be answered by the staff of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies;
- Questions related with Doctoral (PhD) studies - by the staff of the Research Centre
- Questions related with obligatory practice – by representatives of the Dean's Office.
- Questions related with additional traineeships – by representatives of the Career Centre.

As a reminder, the safety of all of us and those who are weaker than us is the most important thing at this moment.

Students who are preparing their final thesis shall use this time to work on it, while if needed consulting with their supervisors online.

Volunteering

Other frequently asked question is students volunteering during COVID-19 pandemic. Those, who have already started, please follow the instructions from the health care institutions. Other students are being asked not to start new activities and wait for a new information, follow the quarantine restrictions in Lithuania.
Whom to apply with questions

For any study-related ideas, comments or questions, please contact the deans of your respective departments, as well as the Study Center via email infos@lsmuni.lt.

For all standard answers to student’ frequently asked questions (FAQs) by category, follow the link https://link.lsmu.lt/vr7a2lv89a. Check FAQ before asking questions to people below.

Regarding mobility programs and trips apply to your Erasmus coordinator at LSMU, foreign students, please contact the International Relations and Study Center via email simona.cerniauskiene@lsmuni.lt. In case of emergencies you may call phone (WhatsApp, Viber: +37067180131, Milda). The information for travellers is constantly updated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: https://keliauk.urm.lt/lt/.

Regarding student social questions, please contact Student Representative Office at president@lsmusa.lt. Questions can also be asked via Facebook account of the LSMU Student Representative Office; in urgent cases, call the President of the Representative Office Evelina Alūzaite (tel. +37063467550).

We will keep you posted about any future changes and will update information on a regular basis.