Considering that the University strives to ensure the highest quality studies by training qualified specialists in public, personal health, veterinary and agricultural sciences and other health professionals, and is guided by scientific and technological achievements and science-based practices (COVID-19 vaccination is undoubtedly one of the greatest scientific and technological achievements allowing the society to return to a safe life - studies, work, leisure), as well as based on the principle that studies are organized ensuring a safe environment for all members of the University community, in accordance with the proposals of the expert working group (No. 2021-V-0267) and prepared the action plan:

1. **I hereby establish** that starting with 1 September, 2021, studies at the University, student internships and clinical internships in healthcare institutions shall be carried out in the usual contact method, in compliance with the study prerequisites, with the possibility, if necessary, to carry out part of the study process remotely.

2. **I approve** the description of the organization of the Study process and the procedure of the study prerequisites (Annex 1).

3. **I require** that the employees of the University administrative departments follow the provisions of 1 Framework for actions, students, the academic community follow the provisions of the Description of the Procedure for the Organization of the Study Process and the Study Prerequisites (Annex 1).

4. Upon the change in the regulations of the Republic of Lithuania on the management of the COVID-19 pandemic, I provide to consider and apply other methods of conducting studies.

5. **I order** Justina Mačiulskienė, the Head of the Document Management Department to acquaint the deans of the faculties, heads of the departments and study administrators with the order.

6. **I assign** the control of the execution of the order to prof. Kęstutis Petrikonis, Vice-rector for studies.

7. **This Order shall enter into force** on 1 September, 2021, except Clause 4, which shall enter into force on the date of signature.

Rector

Professor Rimantas Benetis