Based on Section 7 (§1) of the Government Decree No. 211/2020 (V.16.) on the protection measures for the capital city (hereinafter: Decree) and acting within the scope of my competence under Section 2 (§12) and Section 3 (§12) of Part 1 and Section 3 (§3) and (§4) of Part 10 of the Organizational and Operational Rules of Semmelweis University (hereinafter: OOR that is SZMSZ in Hungarian), I hereby issue the following provisions:

§ 1

Students affected by the changes in the regime of institutional visits

(1) The ban on institutional visits is lifted from 18th May 2020 for students in the final year at all faculties of Semmelweis University (hereinafter: university) regardless of the type and language of education and from 19th May 2020 personal attendance, which is subject to Section 7 (§1) and (§2) of the Decree, is obligatory for these students.

(2) Students in the final year shall take examinations in person from the date specified in paragraph (1). The faculty’s dean is responsible for taking the necessary measures to organize the examination. In case of personal examination the relevant provisions of the Study and Examination Regulations shall apply.

(3) The necessary epidemiological measures shall be provided in the organization of education and examination in case of the personal attendance of the students, in particular the mandatory protective distance shall be maintained and wearing face masks shall be mandatory. Hungarian students may request exemption from the obligation of personal examination from the Rector for reasons of explicitly epidemiological nature (with special regards to the place and nature of work).

§ 2

Special provisions for international students

(1) If an international student is unable to be present at the university in person after the date specified in Part 1 (§1) due an obstacle caused by epidemiological reasons, exemption from personal attendance of the examination may be requested from the Rector. The request is reviewed by the Rector.

(2) The personal presence of international students at the university is subject to preliminary epidemiological measures (COVID-19 virus testing) specified in a separate rector’s information circular.

§ 3

(1) Epidemiological measures shall be provided on the premises of the university, thus the use of face masks shall be mandatory and the protective distance shall be maintained in case there are more than two people present in the same enclosed space.
(3) Discussions and meetings held at the university shall continue to be carried out in the form of remote discussion (via the Zoom system), unless the discussion or meeting is organised for the purpose of high-priority decision making.

§ 4

The directive shall enter into force immediately upon the date of its publication.

Budapest, 18th May 2020

Dr. Béla Merkely

Rector