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**RECTOR’S DIRECTIVE No. R/9/2020. (VI.11.)**

**on the changes in the regime of institutional visits with regard to students participating in PhD training**

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 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) I lift the ban on institutional visits from 15th June 2020 for all doctoral students and doctoral candidates participating in the PhD programme of Semmelweis University (hereinafter: the University) from which date personal appearance at the university is mandatory in order to fulfil their study obligations.

**§2 Special provisions for the regime of doctoral training**

(1) Examinations and doctoral disseration defenses shall be held in person after the directive’s entry into force, unless the student is abroad and is obstructed in his/her return home. A student previously staying abroad during the epidemiological emergency must bring a document to exams or docotral dissertation defense proving the completion of an exmination ordered as part of the epidemiological measures or an official document issued as part of the epidemiological measures.

(2) During the organization of research work, education, examination and doctoral dissertation defense requiring personal appearance, the necessary epidemiological measures shall be ensured, in particular the mandatory protective distance and wearing masks shall be observed.

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

**§3**

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

(2) With the publication of the unified rector’s directive this rector’s directive is repealed.

Budapest, 11th June 2020

Dr. Béla Merkely

Rector