



**DEAR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES,**

University of Veterinary Medicine Budapest is ready to host students from the new coronavirus area (mainly from China) and follows the safety instructions recommended by the Semmelweis University.

All students and employees have to declare whether they have visited critical areas of the infection or not within the past 3 weeks (Declaration I).

If the answer is no, we ask the students to send the filled and signed Declarations to the Students' Secretariat (Hungarian Students' Secretariat: [csapo.timea@univet.hu](mailto:csapo.timea@univet.hu), Secretariat for International Study-Programs: [student@univet.hu](mailto:student@univet.hu), and our employees to the [health@univet.hu](mailto:health@univet.hu) email address).

Students and employees who have been to the Far East within the past 3 weeks (virus latency time is 2 weeks) will fill out a short questionnaire on the possibility of infection and will be informed about the disease, its symptoms and what to do if they experience the symptoms (Questionnaire and Declaration II). In this case please send the Questionnaire and Declaration II via email to the following addresses: Hungarian Students' Secretariat: [csapo.timea@univet.hu](mailto:csapo.timea@univet.hu), Secretariat for International Study-Programs: [student@univet.hu](mailto:student@univet.hu), and our employees to the [health@univet.hu](mailto:health@univet.hu) email address. The University carries out a risk analysis of the questionnaires and sends information on its results. Until the evaluation is sent, we ask those concerned not to attend university!

**FACTS**

**THE VIRUS**

Coronaviruses are named after their electron-microscopic image. They usually infect birds, mammals (possibly other species). In humans, they cause respiratory and bowel disease. In the last decades, two special coronavirus infections have caused problems worldwide, SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus). They both transmitted to humans from mammals; from the civet cat and the dromedary.

Currently, an animal-to-human coronavirus is causing an epidemic, which began in China and is reported in more and more countries.



## **THE CURRENT DISEASE**

Its symptoms are similar to those of the flu: fever, muscle aches, general malaise, catarrh symptoms, in severe cases, pneumonia and possibly kidney failure. The latency time, however, is longer than that of the flu, approx. two weeks.

It is characteristic of its pathogenic ability that an ill person can sicken 4 people.

## **PREVENTION**

Because the transmission of the virus is not completely known and the coronaviruses can infect not only the respiratory tract but also the gastrointestinal tract, it is important to regularly wash hands with soap and / or alcohol hand wash and to wear a face mask at crowded places. The supply of personal protective equipment (disposable mask, etc.) is recommended and the supply of hand disinfectants is continuous.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

- 2019-nCoV Global Cases
- <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>