

## **Dean's appeal to foreign students of the Faculty of Economics regarding vaccination against COVID-19**

Dear Students

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that for over a year, classes and lectures cannot be carried out in the normal course. Other forms of student's activity and life practically ceased. Taking this opportunity, I express my appreciation and thanks to all academic teachers and students of the Faculty for their efficient and effective participation in on-line learning.

In the current situation, the only effective way to return to normal life and full economic and social life, including academic life, is our common participation in vaccinations against COVID-19 disease.

Due to emerging questions regarding the vaccination of students, I highly recommend to all foreign students of the Faculty to join the vaccination campaign. Please, take advantage of the ever wider offer and sign up for vaccinations. Use all available opportunities. Scientific research clearly indicates the threat that the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus will continue to spread and cause COVID-19 disease if not all or at least the vast majority of the population are not vaccinated. Thanks to universal vaccinations, it was possible to virtually eliminate such dangerous diseases as tuberculosis, polio, smallpox, rubella, hepatitis B or measles. The same may be true for COVID-19.

The scenario where it will be possible to fully vaccinate all of us before the start of the new academic year is becoming quite realistic. That is why responsible behaviour of the entire community of the Faculty is so important - **vaccinating both lecturers and students will facilitate safe return to the University in October 2021.**

**Foreigners who reside in Poland on the basis of a temporary or a permanent residence permit can get vaccinated against COVID-19 on the same terms as Polish citizens. However, if you don't have a PESEL number, you will need to take a few more steps to book a vaccination appointment. Therefore, it is worth applying for a PESEL number. Information on how to obtain a PESEL number will be available in MS Teams.**

Dear Students, I am convinced that thanks to common vaccinations, we will be able to feel safe at the beginning of the new academic year - each of you, because is vaccinated, your colleagues and University employees, because you are vaccinated! This also applies to your families and friends - vaccination is a matter of your health and safety, but also of safety of the others. Please, let us all show care for our health and concern for the health of others.

I do hope that along with the immunity against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, acquired thanks to vaccination, you will fill the lecture halls and classrooms, that the dormitories will be full again, that your active participation in scientific, cultural and sports life will return, as well as your full participation in academic and social life.

I wish all the students of the Faculty of Economics a lot of health, perseverance and success in on-line learning, good luck in the exam session, and graduate students successful diploma exams.

The Dean of the Faculty of Economics

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