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**Information to foreign students and visiting lecturers in the Republic of Slovenia concerning the closure of higher education institutions and student dormitories**

On 23 October 2020, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted the *Decree on the temporary prohibition of gathering of persons in institutions in the field of education as well as in universities and independent higher education institutions (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 152/20)*, in order to contain and control the COVID-19 epidemic.

The Decree temporarily prohibits gatherings in all educational institutions, including student dormitories, with the following exceptions:

- Pupils and students who are unable to return to their place of residence due to the current security situation and unaccompanied minors with the status of an applicant for international protection or with recognized international protection may remain in student dormitories.
- Students who have permanent residence in the dormitory, student families and foreign students and visiting professors who are prevented from returning to their place of permanent residence due to the current security situation.

The Decree shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia and shall apply on Monday, 26 October 2020. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia shall assess the reasonable grounds of the measures every seven days by reviewing the epidemiological situation in the country and shall consequently extend, change or abolish the measures in the Decree.

All persons should follow the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Public Health for the prevention of SARS-CoV-2 virus.