

Coronavirus update 2021

Notification as of December 27, 2021

The [24 December 2021 law degree](#) established that Italy's state of emergency caused by the pandemic remains in effect until 31 March 2022.

Consequently, all the measures set to expire on 31 December 2021 remain in effect until 31 March 2022. Measurements include the obligation to possess and exhibit a Green Pass for university staff, students and anyone entering the university buildings.

Communication: [Extension of state of emergency and measures to combat and contain the epidemic from Covid19 - Law Decree 221 of 24 December 2021](#)

Update for November 26, 2021

On Wednesday, November 24, 2021, the Italian Council of Ministers approved a Law Decree introducing urgent measures for the safe conduct of economic and social activities to contain the spread of COVID-19. See the official [government press release](#) (available in Italian only).

The Decree addresses a series of containment measures for the "fourth wave" of the Sars-Cov2 pandemic in the following areas:

1. Vaccination obligations and the third dose
2. Extended vaccination obligations in new categories
3. Reinforcement of the Green Pass
4. Strengthening controls and promoting the vaccination campaign

The vaccination obligation, including the third booster shot, extends to all personnel working within health facilities, including those involved in the technical and administrative functions. Therefore, all University of Padua faculty and staff affiliated with the health service are obligated to follow the updated vaccination requirements.

With respect to the current situation, there are no significant changes for the remaining members of the university staff and students. However, holding and demonstrating a valid Green Pass for all university staff and students, as well as any related penalties, remains in place.

The decree includes a Reinforcement of Green Pass between December 6 to January 15, stating that only vaccinated citizens will have access to activities in the yellow, orange and red areas.

With reference to the university activities, including institutes located in white areas, an Enhanced Green Pass is required for events open to the public, including ceremonies and activities offering indoor catering services.

Summary of the Law Degree:

- At the end of the previously recommended vaccination cycle, the validity of a Green Pass falls from 12 to 9 months. Starting from the date of administration, those vaccinated with a third booster shot increase the validity of a Green Pass by an additional 9 months.
- The third dose, or booster shot, can be administered 5 months after the second dose. This includes citizens under 40 years old.

Communication sent to the University staff on November 17 includes a statement from the University's preventive medicine service regarding the third dose.

The administering the third dose, or booster shot, of the anti-COVID-19 vaccine as recommended by the health authorities – subject to the procedures specifically addressing health workers by relevant health structures, is to be facilitated and arranged via the health district (ULSS) of the individual's local residence.

For those residing in Veneto, please consult the [regional website dedicated to the vaccination campaign](#). For those residing outside Veneto, please consult your respective regional websites or visit the [Government website](#) for more information.

Update for September 10, 2021

During the session held on September 9, The Council of Ministers passed a Decree Law stating that anyone who wishes to access Italian University structures must possess and show a valid COVID-19 Green Pass.

Other measures for university staff and for university students were confirmed.

[Please see the following government statement](#)

August 31, 2021 Notifications (Updated on September 9, 2021, with the 21/2021 Circular)

The University has adopted the operating procedures for verifying COVID 19 Green Certificates of university staff members and students under the provisions of Law Decree no.111 of August 6, 2021, and the Minister of University and Research Circular of September 1, 2021, such procedures may be subject to further governmental provisions.

Operating procedures verifying the COVID-19 Green Certifications of personnel who carry out their services at the university are as follows are governed by Rector's Degree no. 3081 of August 31, 2021, as well as the Director General's Circular of August 31, 2021 updated on September 8, 2021:

1. As of September 1, 2021, all staff members carrying out services within a University structure must possess and show a COVID-19 Green Certification to or a Certificate of Medical Exemption for COVID-19 Immunization issued by the provisions contained in [August 4, 2021 circular of the Italian Ministry of Health](#). An appropriate staff member validates COVID-19 Green Certificates using the 'VerificaC19' app.
2. In addition, as of September 1, 2021, all staff members carrying out services within a University structure are required to complete the online form "Self-Certification to Access University Buildings (*Dichiarazione di accesso alle strutture universitarie*)" available at the following link: <https://accessostrutture.unipd.it>. Personnel without a SSO identifier can download the 'Self-Certification to Access University Buildings' form at the [follow link](#).
3. Alternatively, personnel not in possession of a valid COVID-19 Green Certification nor a Certificate of Medical Exemption for COVID-19 Immunization must still complete the "Self-Certification to Access University Buildings (*Dichiarazione di accesso alle strutture universitarie*)" form indicating when they received their first vaccination dose or that they have booked their second vaccination dose appointment before September 30, 2021. However, this temporary solution does not qualify personnel to participate in teaching activities held in-person at the University. The effectiveness of this solution is valid only until September 30, 2021, for which the form must be replaced by a new one declaring that they are now in possession of a valid COVID-19 Green Certification or a Certificate of Medical Exemption for COVID-19 Immunization.
4. For personnel partaking in a justifiable absence on September 1, 2021, (holidays, recoveries, expectations, leave, full day leave, maternity and paternity leave, illness, an accident ...) are required to fill in the "Self-Certification to Access University Buildings (*Dichiarazione di accesso alle strutture universitarie*)" by the first day of return to in-person services.
5. Apart from the obligation to fill in the self-certification form, personnel must show a COVID-19 Green Certificate to an appropriate staff member validated by the 'VerificaC19' app.

6. The Self-Certification to Access University Buildings (*Dichiarazione di accesso alle strutture universitarie*) form requirement is valid until December 31, 2021, (deadline for the end of the state of emergency). In the event of any changes in the conditions for issuing the Covid-19 Green Certification or the Exemption Certificate (for example expiration of validity), the access declaration shall automatically expire and all personnel will be required to fill in a new one, with updated data.

Personnel who carry out their service at the University include all staff members who work at the University, regardless of the work regime adopted. Personnel is defined as teaching staff (full professors, researchers, and contract professors), technical and administrative staff, CEL staff, agricultural workers, and staff of research bodies holding an agreement with the University. This also extends to any staff member carrying out activities within the University (coordinated and continuous collaborators, students 200 hours, volunteers civil service, doctoral students, postgraduates, postdocs, fellows, contractors, visiting professors and staff of external companies who ordinarily carry out their duties at universities).

As of September 1, 2021, all students must also possess a valid COVID-19 Green Certification or a Certificate of Medical Exemption for COVID-19 Immunization. As of September 13, 2021, all students must also complete the form "Self-Certification to Access University Buildings (*Dichiarazione di accesso alle strutture universitarie*)" available at the following link: <https://accessostrutture.unipd.it>. An appropriate staff member validates COVID-19 Green Certificates using the 'VerificaC19' app carried out on a sample basis in relation to the flow of students.

The operational procedures for resuming in-person teaching activities, exams and graduation ceremonies are published at the following link: [Student Guidelines for the return of in-person teaching activities](#).

Accordingly, [Protocols for the Control and Containment of SARS-CoV 2](#) has been updated [Please see the updated FAQ](#)

August 9, 2021, Covid Notification

The Italian [Law Decree of August 6, 2021, no. 111](#) states "The urgent measures for safe schools, universities, social and transportation activities", establishes that for the academic year 2021-2022 the teaching and curricular activities of universities carried out primarily in person starting from September 1, 2021, requires all personnel (teachers and staff however named) and university students must possess and are required to exhibit the [green COVID-19 certification \(Green Pass\)](#). For personnel who do not possess or exhibit the green certification, sanctions may include suspension from service with deprivation of remuneration. The green certification of students is randomly verified with methods established by the universities.

More in detail, the decree law establishes the following:

- 1) in the academic year 2021-2022, until 31 December 2021, **the teaching and curricular activities of the universities are carried out primarily in person**
- 2) To allow activities to be carried out in person:
 - a) the use of masks are mandatory, with the exception of those who have pathologies incompatible with the use of such devices
 - b) it is recommended to respect a social distancing of at least one meter, as per the structural-logistical conditions of the building allows
 - c) it is forbidden to enter or remain in the premises for subjects with respiratory symptoms

Universities may derogate from the said provisions

- a) for students who have completed the vaccination cycle or have a valid certificate of recovery may participate in educational activities.

Such provisions can be waived only for regions in the orange or red zones, based on the initiative of the Presidents of the Regions or Mayors, in exceptional and extraordinary circumstances due to the onset of outbreaks.

In order to protect public health and maintain adequate safety conditions in the provision in the presence of the essential education service, it is also established that:

- 1) From September 1, 2021 and until December 31, 2021, **all school staff of the Italian national education and university system, as well as university students, must possess and are required to exhibit the [COVID-19 green certification \(Green Pass\)](#)**
 - 2) Failure to comply with the provisions referred to in paragraph 1 by schools and university staff is considered unjustified absence starting from the fifth day of absence resulting in suspension of employment relationship and loss of remuneration or other remuneration or emolument is due, however named.
 - 3) The provisions referred to in paragraph 1 do not apply to subjects exempt from the vaccination campaign on the basis of suitable medical certification issued according to the criteria defined in the circular of the Ministry of Health.
 - 4) school managers and the heads of the children's educational services as well as the equal schools and universities are required to verify compliance with the requirements referred to in paragraph 1. The verifications of the COVID-19 green certifications are carried out in the manner indicated by the decree of the President of the Council of Ministers adopted pursuant to article 9, paragraph 10. Further verification procedures may be established with a circular from the Minister of Education. With reference to compliance by university students with the requirements referred to in paragraph 1, the checks referred to in this paragraph are carried out on a sample basis in the manner identified by the universities.
 - 5) violation of provisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 4 is sanctioned pursuant to article 4 of the decree-law of 25 March 2020, n. 19, converted, with amendments, by law 22 May 2020, n. 35. [Circular from the University Rector and Director General](#)
[Communication from the Rector to the students](#)
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August 6, 2021, Covid Notification

In the August 5, session of The Council of Ministers the Law Degree stating, "The urgent measures for the safety of school activities, in the field of universities and transport", **takes effect as of September 1, 2021.**

According to the new Government measures, "**all university staff and university students (which can be randomly controlled) must be holders of a Green Pass.**" The University of Padua joins the Veneto Region in adopting new Government measures ensuring a safe start to all academic and educational activities in September.

[Information For Receiving The EU Digital COVID Green Certificate](#)
[University Rectors of the Veneto Region have issued a joint statement](#)

July 24, 2021, Covid Notification

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1. indoor seated catering services
2. public performances, sporting events and competitions
3. museums, cultural institutions, and exhibition centres
4. swimming pools, gyms, team sports, wellness centres, indoor facilities
5. festivals, fairs, conferences, and congresses
6. health spas, amusement parks
7. cultural centres, indoor recreational centres (including those that exclude educational activities for children), summer centres, and related catering activities
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Notification as of June 24, 2021 - 6:30 pm

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- a) **Conventions, congresses and similar events are permitted to take place**, according to provisions based on "*Guidelines for the return of economic and social activities*" in forced and declared in the document "*Prevention and containment measures for the reopening of conferences, congresses, events, corporate conventions and events similar activities*" of the University
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The University must adhere to the following:

- Guaranteeing adequate space that allows for the social distancing of at least one meter from others and complying with all required sanitary measures
 - Mask wearing at all times
 - Guaranteeing adequate ventilation of the premises by opening windows, weather permitting
 - Registering names of participants and keeping them on file for a minimum of 14 days
- c) **All meetings and seminars, including those of the collegial bodies, are permitted to be held in person or remotely.**

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Notification as of June 6, 2021 – 5:00 pm

Starting from Monday 7 June 2021, with the [Ordinance of June 4, 2021](#) the Ministry of Health has classified Veneto in "**white zone**".

A white zone is a territory determined to be at a low risk level based on a weekly incidence of infections over three consecutive weeks of less than 50 new cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

It follows that the restrictions based on that related to "yellow zones" are no longer valid. Although general anti-contagion measures remain (such as obligations regarding mask wearing and maintaining social distancing), as well as specific protocols based on sector.

Events involving large gatherings (such as fairs and congresses) remain suspended.

University teaching activities must follow the guidelines communicated with the circular of the Rector and the Director General protocol. 76306 of May 10, 2021, stating the "*Measures stated the Rector and of the Director General Circular of last April 23 regarding exams and graduation exams*".

Notification as of April 23, 2021 - 7.50 pm

Dear all,

The most recent [decree of April 22, 2021, n. 52](#), and subsequent note 54344 of the Ministry of University and Research, listed below, provide that starting from 26 April universities may carry out teaching and curricular activities primarily in-person. Therefore, all lessons taught in a dual-mode that were already scheduled in person may continue. Furthermore, taking into consideration all courses, each structure may evaluate said the course should be held in person, in a dual-mode as long as they are held incompatibly with the availability of the classrooms and implementing the safety measures the University has already adopted.

With regards to exams graduation ceremonies, each structure may evaluate if they can responsibly offer them in person, in a dual-mode as long as they are held incompatibly with the availability of the classrooms and implementing the safety measures the University has already adopted as well as those of libraries, reading rooms and study rooms.

Sincerely,

University Rector, Rosario Rizzuto
University Director General, Alberto Scuttari

Law Decree of April 22, 2021, n. 52, article 3 paragraph 4:

“Starting April 26, 2021, until July 31, 2021, the teaching and curricular activities of the Italian universities located in the yellow and orange areas may be carried out in person as long as they are held incompatibly with the availability of the classrooms and implementing the safety measures the University has already adopted or teaching and curricular activities following the guidelines adopted by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.

For universities located in red zones, the organization plans for teaching and curricular activities ... may provide for the development in the presence of the training activities of the courses relating to the first year of the courses of study or training activities aimed at classes with a limited number of students.

All of Italy shall make plans for the organization of teaching and curricular activities provide unless otherwise assessed by the universities, the carrying out in the presence of exams, tests, and graduation sessions, orientation and tutoring activities, laboratories, as well as the opening of libraries, reading rooms and study rooms, also taking into account the specific training needs of students with disabilities and students with specific learning disabilities”.

Notification from the Ministry of University and Research, no. 54344 of 23 April 2021 (extract):

“Starting April 26, 2021, until July 31, 2021, all universities operating in the yellow and orange areas will have to adopt and apply, after consulting the regional coordination committee, organizational plans for teaching and curricular activities, the implementation of which provides for the carrying out of activities primarily in person. ...

For universities operating in the red areas must prepare their organizational plans for teaching and curricular activities, providing for the carrying out in the presence of the training activities of the teachings relating to the first year of the courses of study or training activities aimed at classes with a limited number of students.

All universities are invited to organize activities in person or at a distance based on the contexts of reference of their organizational models, the peculiarities of the various disciplines, the availability of infrastructural equipment, and the number of students, taking into account specific needs. training for students with disabilities and specific learning disabilities.

All guidelines and safety protocols referred to in annexes 18 and 22 of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 2 March 2021 remain in force.”

Notification as of April 3, 2021 - 7.13 pm

Dear all,

We share the information that **the Italian Ministry of Health**, with an Ordinance dated April 2 that has been just published on the Gazzetta Ufficiale on April 3, **has established that the Veneto Region has been classified "orange zone" from April 6 on**. Consequently, from April 6, the University of Padua will apply the measures of the "orange scenario", already highlighted with the previous message.

Best regards

The Rector, Rosario Rizzuto
The Director General, Alberto Scuttari

Notification as of April 3, 2021

NEW MEASURES IN PLACE AS OF APRIL 9, 2021 TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID 19 2021

Dear all,

Based on the most recent COVID 19 epidemiological data, political authorities will most likely classify the **Veneto Region as an "orange zone" starting Wednesday, April 6, 2021.**

This is a result of the most recent findings by the Scientific Technical Committee, and although the official confirmation required to classify a zone must first be issued by the Italian Minister of Health, the Italian Government has established that all regions of Italy will remain as either an orange or a red zone throughout the month of April.

As of April 6, the Veneto Region will be classified as either an orange zone (most likely) or as a red zone (less likely), therefore we must be prepared for either scenario.

When the Italian Minister of Health announces the classification, we will share this piece of information, as of now we must anticipate our level of preparedness for either scenario.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter,

University Rector, Rosario Rizzuto
University Director General, Alberto Scuttari

ORANGE ZONE (MOST LIKELY SCENARIO)

- Teaching activities are permitted to take place in person under strict compliance with the [Teaching Guidelines for the University of Padua](#) and [Protocols currently in place by the University](#), as per annexes 18 and 22 of the DPCM dated March, 2, 2021. This will ensure an orderly resumption of in-person teaching activities and will allow off-site students to participate in person or online (dual-mode). The second semester starts **MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**, on this date additional courses may also resume taking place on campus and in person once the availability of classrooms is verified, and provided that they can be provided in dual mode.
- As of, **WEDNESDAY APRIL 6, 2021**, laboratory and experimental activities that cannot take place remotely will continue to be offered in person.
- External curricular and non-curricular internships, in compliance with the anti-Covid19 security measures put in place by the host institution and required by current legislation, may also take place in person
- Exhibitions and public opening services (outside the University) of museums will remain suspended, while in libraries and archives services will be open to the public by reservation only (service to the public and students must comply with the security measures and protocols adopted by the university).
- In-person conferences, meetings, and other events will remain suspended, and may only take place online. All public ceremonies must take place in compliance with current protocols and guidelines and the absence of the public. Meetings of public administrations may only take place online, unless necessary and within reason.
- Travel between different regions or autonomous provinces is prohibited, except travel due to work, health, study, and in-person teaching activities.
- The measures already provided for those who work from home are confirmed (see [Rep. n. 20/2020 - Prot. n. 433200 of 03 November 2020](#)).

ORANGE ZONE AND RED ZONE (COMMON RULES)

- Research activities, as well as health and care activities, will continue for professors, fellow researchers, fellows, Ph.D. students, laboratory technicians and health technicians. The laboratories will also be accessed by students working on their thesis.
- University's offices remain open for all research activities and technical and administrative activities.
- Student access to the study rooms managed by the University, may only take place in compliance with the security protocols previously adopted (see note). For those in the "red zone" more restrictive conditions must be adopted by individual teaching facilities in relations with internal logistical conditions.

- Some face-to-face services to students will be offered online. However, services that cannot be offered online, or for which the presence of a student is necessary, are permitted to take place by appointment only.

RED ZONE (LESS LIKELY SCENARIO)

- University teaching activities may only be held online (including theoretical and practical lessons, exams and graduation sessions, curricular internships) as per the "red zone" restrictions, with the exception of courses for doctors in specialist training, specific training courses in general medicine, the activities of trainees in the health professions, which can be provided even in compliance with the safety protocols provided for in Annexes 18 and 22 of the DPCM of March 2, 2021.
- Extracurricular internships may continue in person, online or both, on the basis of the indications of the host institution, unless otherwise provided by the regions where the internship takes place.
- Experiential activities, including professional clinical internships of the School of Veterinary, that cannot take place remotely can take place as scheduled according to the individual educational facilities as long as they comply with the safety protocols provided for in Annexes 18 and 22 of the DPCM March 2, 2021. By request only, external curricular internships that cannot take place remotely may take place in person as long as they comply with the anti-Covid19 security measures put in place by the host institution which are required by current Italian legislation.
- Libraries will be open for book borrowing by reservation only. Students can reserve through the [Affluences](#) app.
- Travel is permitted only for work or health reasons. Travel is permitted for educators (for work) only when in-person teaching is also allowed. Activities of Ph.D. students, graduate students and research fellows are allowed as for those traveling for work.
- Access of staff to university offices and facilities will be limited to those activities that cannot be postponed and have to be carried out in presence, also for managing the current emergency. Staff that will not be present on-site, will continue to work remotely. A complete list of the activities that cannot be carried out remotely can be found at the following link: [Circolare Rep. n. 20/2020 - Prot. n. 433200 del 03 novembre 2020](#)).

Note: The study rooms can be used under the following conditions:

- seats must remain at a distance of at least 1 meter
- windows must remain open for airflow
- the classrooms are equipped with devices with handwashing solutions for hand disinfection at the entrance to the classroom
- entrances and exits from classrooms must follow differentiated pathways
- classrooms are equipped with signage and information regarding personal hygiene and behavioral measures
- regular inspection service of the classrooms will continue
- access to the classroom is allowed after reading and accepting the "Sars-CoV-2 Virus Contrast and Containment Protocol", present on the University website on page <https://www.unipd.it/coronavirus> using the function 'My badge' present in the myUnipd student app, which allows the display on the personal device of the "green check" or the printing of self-certification in Uniweb\Didattica\Autocertificazioni;
- students who enter fill in the register present in the study room (the information must be kept for at least 14 days from the date of attendance). Inside the classrooms it is always mandatory to wear a mask and any activity other than study is prohibited
- in the red zone, unlike the orange and yellow, study that is not provided for as a legitimate cause of displacement. Therefore, the movement of students in study rooms must necessarily refer to one of the mandatory reasons for which travel is allowed.

Notification as of March 13, 2021

Dear colleagues,

as you know our government has adopted new and more strict measures to contain health emergency, and has announced that starting from Monday, 15th the Region of Veneto will be classified as “red zone”, according to a [decree issued by the Minister of Health](#).

Therefore, our university, according to the decisions taken by the Regional University Committee has decided to adopt the following measures, that will enter into force starting from Monday, 15th, and last until the Veneto Region will be classified as “red zone”:

- teaching activities (all types of lectures, exams, graduation sessions, curricular traineeships) will be provided exclusively remotely, with the exception of specialization courses for doctors, specific training courses in medicine, training activities for health professionals, which can also be delivered in presence, according to safety measures already adopted by the University (see annexes 18 and 22 of the DPCM dated March, 2nd, 2021).
- extra-curricular traineeships will continue to be carried out in presence, online or in a blended mode, according to the indications provided by the host institution, unless differently decided by the Region where the traineeship takes place.
- experimental activities which cannot be carried out remotely, will take place in presence following the decisions taken by each teaching unit in terms of place and time, according to safety measures already adopted by the University (see annexes 18 and 22 of the DPCM dated March, 2nd, 2021). Professional and clinical traineeships within the course of Veterinary Medicine are also included.
- library services are offered only by appointment. Students can book their appointment through the app [Affluences](#). For more information, please visit: <http://bibliotecadigitale.cab.unipd.it/>.
- research activities, health and medical activities will continue regularly for professors, researchers, scholarship beneficiaries, Ph.D. students, lab and health technicians. Students working on their final thesis will also be allowed to access laboratories.
- all the premises of the university will remain open to allow research, technical and administrative activities to be carried out regularly.
- access to study rooms managed by the university can take place only in respect of the safety protocols already adopted (see note). More restrictive measures will be adopted by single teaching units, according to specific logistic conditions.
- front-office services will be delivered online, if possible. All services that cannot be guaranteed online, or for which it is necessary the presence of the student, will be held in presence by appointment only.
- access of staff to university offices and facilities will be limited to those activities that cannot be postponed and have to be carried out in presence, also for managing the current emergency. Staff that will not be present on-site, will continue to work remotely. A complete list of the activities that cannot be carried out remotely can be found at the following link: [Circolare Rep. n. 20/2020 - Prot. n. 433200 del 03 novembre 2020](#)).

These measures will be in force until further notification, according to national and regional decisions, that will be communicated by the university using institutional communication channels.

Best Regards,

The Rector, Rosario Rizzuto

The Director General, Alberto Scuttari

Note: Study rooms can be used under the following conditions:

- the number of seats must be limited so that the seats are at least 1 meter apart;
- the study rooms must have windows to allow frequent ventilation;
- the study rooms must be equipped with devices with hand sanitizer which are to be used when entering the room;
- different routes to enter and exit the study rooms must be ensured;

- the study rooms must be equipped with special signs, information on personal hygiene and behavior measures;
- periodic inspection services must be provided;
- access to the classroom is allowed upon demonstration of having read the "[Protocols for the control and containment of the SARS-CoV](#)", available on the University website at <https://www.unipd.it/coronavirus-updates> using the function "Il mio badge" of the myUnipd student app allows students to make use of a personal device or print the self-certification found in Uniweb \ Didactics \ Self-certifications;
- students must fill in and sign the self-certification to access University buildings and show it each time they enter the study room, and must fill in the Study Room Attendance Register (information must be kept for at least 30 days from the date of attendance). Mask must be worn at all times while inside study rooms, and any activity other than studying is forbidden.

Notification as of March 5, 2021

The Italian [Prime Ministerial Decree](#) issued on March 2, 2021, states that the measures currently in place in combating the pandemic and preventing the spread of COVID-19, which was expected to expire on March 6 shall be extended until April 6, 2021.

The degree extends the current ban on travel between regions or provinces to be enforced until March 27. The exception of this degree includes the reason for travel due to work, health, or utmost necessity, including travel mandatory for in-person teaching.

Regarding the universities of Veneto, no changes have been made with respect to our previous situation and the current condition approved and adopted shall continue to be applied to the University of Padua, insofar that the Veneto Region remains in the yellow or orange zones.

Notification as of February 1, 2021

As of January 29, 2021, the Ministry of Health has classified the Veneto Region as a yellow zone; therefore, only article 1 of the Prime Ministerial Decree (DPCM) of January 14, 2021, applies. Under the most recent Prime Ministerial Decree, the measures relevant for yellow zones indicate that the only change, compared to that of previous regulation, are relative to the opening of museums to the public:

- 1) After consulting the Regional University Committee and the current epidemiological framework, the organizational plans for remotely held or in-person educational and curricular activities are to remain in compliance with the guidelines set by the Ministry of University and Research. Such compliances take into account the training needs and the evolutionary pandemic changes in the Veneto Region as well as the corresponding health security needs which are to remain in compliance under the protocols for the control and management of confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases.
Therefore, the [organizational plans for educational activities](#) defined by university bodies and the [safety measures already adopted by the University](#) remain effective (see annexes 18 and 22 of the DPCM)
- 2) Permission to move between regions and municipalities is valid only for those holding documented proof based on educational and work-related needs
- 3) From Monday to Friday, with the exception of public holidays, exhibitions and services open to the public at museums and other cultural institutions are hereby permitted. Each institution must guarantee methods to avoid gathering and ensuring adequate social distancing measures of at least one meter between all persons. Libraries and archives may continue to perform services to the external public by appointment only that comply with the epidemic emergency containment measures

4) Written exams held in person for public calls (le prove scritte dei concorsi) are suspended. However, starting February 15, 2021, selected written exams for positions in public administrations are permitted in cases where the number of candidates do not exceed thirty persons for each exam site location and must adhere to the protocols adopted by the Public Function Department and validated by the Technical-Scientific Committee

5) All conference and congress activities are suspended, except for those that are held remotely, noting that all meetings must take place remotely unless specified for justifiable reasons

6) All measures regarding work from home are to remain in place ([see circular Rep. n. 20/2020 - Prot. n. 433200 from November 3, 2020](#))

Notification as of January 15, 2021

The provisions set by the most recent Prime Ministerial Degree ([DPCM](#)) of January 14, 2021, are hereby valid starting from January 16 to March 5, 2021.

The Veneto Region is classified as an orange zone (see art. 1 and 2 of the DPCM) Therefore, the provisions that directly concern University activities will not undergo significant changes compared to that of the current situation.

Please note the following measures must be followed for all regions classified as 'orange' under the most recent DPCM:

1) After consulting the Regional University Committee and the current epidemiological framework, the organizational plans for remotely held or in person educational and curricular activities are to remain in compliance with the guidelines set by the Ministry of University and Research. Such compliances take into account the training needs and the evolutionary pandemic changes in the Veneto Region as well as the corresponding health security needs which are to remain in compliance under the protocols for the control and management of confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases.

Therefore, the [organizational plans for educational activities](#) defined by university bodies and the [safety measures already adopted by the University](#) remain effective (see annexes 18 and 22 of the DPCM)

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