

**ANNOUNCEMENT No. 3/2019/2020**  
**OF AIK RECTOR**  
**concerning the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)**  
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Out of concern for the safety of the entire Ignatianum academic community, the following preventive measures against the spread of the coronavirus causing COVID-19 disease are introduced with immediate effect:

1. In accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, it is advised that the entire academic community suspend, until the situation stabilizes, all planned foreign trips to countries being centers of the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), i.e. China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Iran, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Taiwan and Italy.
2. Until further notice, visits of academic guests to Ignatianum from the abovementioned countries are suspended.
3. Since the situation is dynamic and it is uncertain in what directions the coronavirus will continue to spread, it is recommended to follow official announcements, in particular the ones published by:
  - Ministry of Health of the Republic of Poland <https://www.gov.pl/web/zdrowie/wiadomosci>
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs <https://www.gov.pl/web/dyplomacja/informacje-dla-podrozujacych>
  - Chief Sanitary Inspector <https://gis.gov.pl/kategoria/aktualnosci/>
  - World Health Organization, where one can find the current reports on the number of infected people around the world and recommendations for travellers <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
4. People who returned from the areas affected by the coronavirus epidemic in the last 14 days or had contact with someone who visited any of these countries, and in the event of symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing problems, as recommended by GIS, must immediately contact the sanitary and epidemiological station via phone [https://pssekrakow.pl/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=32&Itemid=129](https://pssekrakow.pl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=32&Itemid=129)) or report their case to the infectious disease ward where further medical procedures will be introduced.
5. The National Health Fund has launched a 24-hour hotline on the proceedings in the case of suspected coronavirus infection. The hotline number: 800-190-590
6. Recommendations for the entire Ignatianum academic community:
  - Vaccination against influenza, especially in the case of planned foreign trips,
  - Frequent and precise hand washing with soapy water, as well as the use of hand disinfectant,
  - Covering the mouth and nose with a tissue while coughing and sneezing,
  - Avoiding close contact with people who have symptoms of cold or influenza, and in the case of having fever and cough, avoiding the contact with other people.

**We kindly request the entire Ignatianum academic community NOT to panic. We will be thankful for your cooperation, consideration, and rational thinking.**

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