



NOTICE NO. 4

The state of emergency imposed due to the COVID19 pandemic ended on 2 May, giving way to a period of public calamity. Following the change in scenario, recommendations were made by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education to gradually return to in-person activities at higher education institutions.

ISMAI has sought to carry out all academic activities using distance learning, via the Microsoft Teams platform, from the first moment the confinement process began. It is now important, following the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, to adopt a set of rules and regulations that make it possible to gradually return to some in-person activities, while following all the recommendations from health authorities.

Note that a return to any in-person activity does not mean a return to the normality common before the break in teaching activities, but rather ensure that the academic year can end in the best way possible for all students, within the established time frame.

The distance teaching activities will remain, following the same format that has been in place, for a considerable proportion of course units. However, whenever possible, they may be gradually and effectively combined with in-person activities, specifically practical, laboratory and continuous and final assessment activities, starting 25 May. This will only happen where the necessary hygiene and safety conditions can be met and if there are areas that have the physical distancing conditions needed to stop possible contagion by COVID19.

Final tests/exams (whether written or oral), as part of continuous assessment, may be held in person whenever the use of technological platforms is not deemed suitable.

In-person assessments for continuous assessment should be held after prior coordination with the competent services during the period between 25 May and 27 June.

It is desirable for all final exams to be held in person and they will be scheduled throughout the month of July. However, whenever possible, technological platforms may be used.

The special assessment period will remain as established in the 2019/2020 academic calendar, after adjustment and approval by the Pedagogical Board.



Every effort should be made for all the course units of all courses and types to be taught and assessment completed by the end of July 2020.

The situation of foreign students who have returned to their countries should be taken into consideration by teachers, with solutions adapted for their situations.

It is desirable for practical sports classes to be restarted, provided that all the safety and hygiene conditions needed for sports to be practised are met without posing any danger of contagion by COVID19. With this in mind, the following course units may be able to run on an in-person basis if there is authorisation from the competent health authorities and safety conditions to do so:

- Athletics II;
- Indoor Football;
- Gymnastics II;
- Racket Sports;
- Rhythmic Activities;
- Swimming II;
- Handball;
- Outdoor and Nature Exploration Activities;
- Team Sports: Principles and Practices II;
- Individual Sports: Principles and Practices II;
- Sport Didactics II.

The operations of research centres and a return to research activities will be authorised whenever the relevant laboratory director believes that in-person activities are indispensable to the proper fulfilment of work plans and where the safety and hygiene conditions of laboratories and common areas can be guaranteed. This specifically means compliance with safety distancing, cleaning of spaces, use of protective equipment and the adoption of respiratory etiquette procedures.

All support services whose return to in-person activities is fundamental for students' training or ISMAI's operations will begin their work in stages, taking into consideration compliance with all recommendations by competent health authorities and the technical rules in force, specifically in terms of health and hygiene, and always guaranteeing social distancing conditions and the use of personal protective equipment by all.



All the safety and hygiene rules to be followed when returning to in-person activities will be duly coordinated with the respective health authorities.

The Rector of ISMAI

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Prof. Doutor Domingos Oliveira Silva

ISMAI, 18 May 2020