



Dear student,

We hope our e-mail finds you well and in good health.

In light of the current worldwide sanitary situation and your upcoming travel to Thessaloniki, we would like to kindly inform you on the Covid-19 measures issued by the Greek government which are in place at the moment (8th February); we will be sending you updates if they change or stop.

Covid-19 measures in Thessaloniki

- There is a **curfew** between the hours: **21:00 till 5:00 in the morning during the work days (Monday-Friday) and from 18:00-5:00 in the morning during the weekends (Saturday-Sunday)** which means that all transports are prohibited (including walking on the street), except for health reasons; regular checks are realized by the police so if you get caught during the curfew hours, you will be asked to pay a **fine of 300 euros**. For the rest of the hours (i.e. out of curfew), all unnecessary transports are prohibited except for the following reasons:
 1. Transport to the pharmacy or the doctor, only if necessary and after relevant communication
 2. Transport to buy necessary products from the supermarket/mini-market, only if delivery is not available (you can use this number for your transport to the University Restaurant)
 3. Transport to the bank or public services, if transactions cannot take place electronically
 4. Transport to provide help to a third person (e.g. an old person staying at home)
 5. Transport to a ceremony (e.g. wedding, funeral)
 6. Outdoors exercise or walking a pet; the outdoors exercise can take place one by one or per three persons (in the latter case, there needs to be a distance of 1,5 m between all persons) and it has to be near the house.

Also, anyone on the street must carry a) a passport or an ID and b) a "transport certificate" (either on paper or an sms) which shows the reason for being out of the house.

1. Sending sms

You can send a sms only from a **Greek** mobile number to the number 13033 (with no charge) where you need to write:

X (blank) Name (blank) Family name (blank) Address (number, street name)

X is one of the above numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 which shows the reason for your transport

For example: 2 Mark Jones 25 Tsimiski street which shows that the person is going to the supermarket and lives on 25 Tsimiski street.

You will then receive a sms as a reply. In the above example, it will be: Transport 2 Mark Jones 25 Tsimiski street

Remark: The word Transport will be in Greek, so the sms will be: METAKINHΣH 2 Mark Jones 25 Tsimiski street.

You cannot go outside if you do not receive the sms.

2. Certificate on paper

a) If you don't own a Greek mobile number, you can write in a piece of paper the following information:

1. Name/Family name
2. Residence address (street/number)
3. Reason for the transport; you can use the above numbers and write it in letter and you also need to *include the address of your destination*
4. Date, time and signature

For example, for the paper certificate:

Mark Jones

25 Tsimiski street

Going to the supermarket which is on Ippodromiou street

Date: 4/11/2020, time: 12:10, signature.

b) If you have access to printer, you can also use the official template of the certificate in English which you can find at the following link: <https://forma.gov.gr/docs/permit-extraordinary-movement-en.pdf> (as well as attached to the email we sent you in a word format).

You need to send a sms or fill in a paper certificate **every time you go outside**, that is, for each one of your transports.

There will be checks on the street by the police; **if you get caught without the sms or a paper certificate, you will be asked to pay a fine of 300 euro** (for each time you get caught, there will be a new fine).

- The use of face mask is **mandatory** in all **outdoor** spaces nationwide (including walking on the street), public transportation means, taxis, private cars (where no more than two persons are allowed) and all **closed** public spaces (supermarkets, shops, elevators etc), otherwise, there is a fine of 300€ per violation
- All gatherings at outdoor spaces are prohibited
- All transport from one city to another within the country is prohibited, except for health or professional reasons or for returning to the home base, i.e. for the Erasmus students, that would be the city of Thessaloniki (if you are currently within Greece but out of Thessaloniki) or the home country (if you wish to go back home).
- All shops are open only by the click-away method/sms code No.2 (i.e. you are able to buy either online or by phone and receive your purchase in person; however, there needs to be proof of the purchase such as an sms received by the shop or the electronic receipt so as to be able to prove that you are on your way to receive your purchase. In any case, you need to contact the shops which interest you for further queries); other services, such as hair-salons, are available only after booking an appointment. All shops and services are open only during the weekdays, Monday-Friday until 20:00.
- Supermarkets, convenient stores and pharmacies are open regularly (i.e. you can buy anything on-site); supermarkets are open till 20:00 during working days; during the weekends, only supermarkets, convenience stores and pharmacies will be open until 17:00.
- Every time you enter a supermarket (usually, the ones belonging in big chains), you need to get a special entrance card which you can find at the entrance of the supermarket; if you get caught without the card, you will pay a fine, as well as the owner of the supermarket
- All restaurants/bars will be closed (except for delivery and take-away); gyms, cinemas, theatres and museums will be closed

- The take away/drive-through is allowed but under certain conditions; according to the measures announced, we cannot use the sms for the sole purpose of going to take away shops (e.g. get a drink, get a sandwich etc.), we can use the sms for one of the 6 reasons (e.g. No.1/pharmacy, No.2/supermarket etc.) and, on our way there, we can get a coffee as take away.
- **The fine for not wearing face mask, not keeping social distance, not respecting the curfew or not having a certificate/sms every time you are out of the house is 300 euros per violation.**

Assistance during 7-day quarantine

As we have informed you in our last email, according to the current COVID measures, all people travelling to Greece are required to remain in isolation under **quarantine for 7 days upon arrival**. If this period changes in the future, we will update you.

You are not supposed to be out at all or go to the supermarket etc, however, since you will need help buying things during this first week, we would like to inform you that our Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is willing to help you by using the **buddy system**, i.e. by assigning a local student who can help you either buy anything you need online or go to the supermarket and get you things. So, you are advised for this week of isolation to contact the ESN at auth@esnthessaloniki.gr or via [facebook](#) for anything you may need.

We will be updating you in case of any change to the above measures so you are advised to **check your inbox regularly**.

Within a few days, we will send you another email on the Covid-19 measures regarding the Aristotle University and its services.

Finally, you are expected to comply with all safety regulations such as the use of face mask, personal hygiene and social distancing at all places and times, for your own safety as well as for the others.

In the meantime, we wish you all well and we look forward to welcoming you at Aristotle University!