

Letter from the Minister of University and Research

on anti Covid 19 measures and Green pass in AFAM institutions for the academic year 2021-22

Dear Colleagues,

In Accordance with the Decree-Law of August 6 2011, no.111 new guidelines were adopted in view of the commencement of the upcoming academic year in the light of and in the context of the epidemiological framework and the evolving nature of the vaccination plan.

Preliminarily to Article 1, paragraph 1 the principal- by which all AFAM institutes have conformed to during the current academic year has been reiterated- in which the carrying out of didactical and curricula activities in attendance is primarily given.

To this end, the institutions must adopt the following minimum security measures:

- a) it is obliged to wear protective respiratory equipment, with exception to persons with pathologies or disabilities incompatible with the use of this equipment in the carrying out of sporting activities;
- b) it is recommended to respect an interpersonal safety distance of at least one meter ensuring- according to the following checks and procedures- the fullest participation of didactical and curricula activities with students in attendance, also taking into account the structural-logistical condition- of the buildings;
- c) it is forbidden to access or remain on university grounds for persons with respiratory symptoms or a bodily temperature exceeding 37,5°.

It is to be noted that this Decree-Law has introduced important changes, particularly:

- as of September 1st 2021, and until December 1st 2021, that all personnel of AFAM institutions, including both teachers and the technical-administrative staff must be in possession of and able to exhibit the COVID –19 green certificate;
- failure to respect such obligations will have the consequence of the personnel being considered unjustifiably absent and, as of the fifth day of absence, taking into consideration the characteristics and specificity of the teaching staff's job performance, on one hand, and the technical and administrative, on the other, the work relationship will be suspended without compensation, nor any other remuneration or fee, however named.
- consequently, as of September 1st 2021 and until December 31st 2021 also the students within AFAM institutions must be in possession of a COVID-19 green certificate in order to participate in didactic and curricula activities in physical presence;
- the institutions will carry out inspections relative to the requirement of possession of the COVID-19 green certificate according to the procedures that will be indicated in a subsequent executive decree,

and nevertheless, according to the organizational choices of each institution, and subject to the application and respect of privacy legislation, and in particular, taking care in processing the data contained within the COVID-19 green certificate, within the limits of the purposes and scope of the law;
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-inspections relating to students with regard to the possession of a COVID-19 green certificate are to be carried out as spot-checks and as defined by the individual institutions;

-these above-mentioned inspections are is the responsibility of the “responsabili” within the AFAM institutions, meaning those in accordance with article 25, section 9, first paragraph, of decree law no. 165 of 2001, the Directors.

It must also be specified that by reason of the general clause precisely given in art. 12 of the D.L. no. 105 of 2021, the provisions given in the D.P.C.M 2nd March 2021 continue to apply, not incompatible with the new measures introduced by the law, amongst which, in particular, the possibility to adopt organizational plans for didactic and curricula activities, and also by the student’s specific educational needs, for example, students with disabilities or with ASD.

Simultaneously, paragraph 2 of Article 23 of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 2 March 2021 remains applicable, providing measures to safeguard educational and curricula activities that benefit those students unable to participate in educational or curricula activities in attendance, ensuring remote procedures, or alternative recovery plans.

As always, I thank you all including your communities for the profound commitment and dedication towards ensuring public safety.

I take this opportunity to impart to all the teachers, students and the technical-administrative staff within our AFAM institutions the wish for a pleasant and safe academic year ahead.

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To the Presidents and Chairmen of AFAM Institutions