RESOLUTION by the rector of the University of Barcelona on the closure of buildings and facilities and critical services from 14 April 2020

Factual background

By resolution of the rector on 30 March 2020, minimum, essential services were established to ensure the operation, maintenance and security of UB buildings, facilities and IT systems, as well as the animal facilities and continuity of research projects. The resolution was in accordance with the provisions in Royal Decree-Law 10/2020, 29 March, governing recoverable paid leave for salaried employees who do not provide essential services, to reduce the mobility of the population in the context of fighting against COVID-19. The resolution was valid from 30 March to Thursday 9 April 2020, both inclusive.

Royal Decree 487/2020, 10 April, has extended the state of alarm until 26 April 2020.

By resolution of 3 April 2020, face-to-face teaching on all University of Barcelona courses corresponding to the second semester of academic year 2019–2020 will cease until the end of the academic year.

Given the evolution of the pandemic and the resulting situation, and by virtue of the powers conferred on me by current legislation and particularly Article 73 of the University of Barcelona statutes,

I RESOLVE:

First. To keep University of Barcelona buildings and facilities shut, in accordance with the instructions attached to the rector’s resolution of 14 March 2020 in all aspects that have not been subsequently amended.

Second. To maintain the essential, critical services established in the resolution of the rector on 30 March 2020, without prejudice to subsequent adaptation to new needs that may arise, which will be authorised by the manager and communicated to the workers’ representatives.
Third. To maintain the accesses established during the period of the rector’s resolution of 30 March 2020 and the accesses authorised in accordance with the resolution to close buildings and facilities of 14 March 2020.

To access University facilities, PDI and staff from research institutions or collaborating companies whose laboratories are on University of Barcelona premises must submit a request to the dean or delegated member of the dean’s team, which must be accompanied by the approval of the company’s legal representative, if necessary. The dean will transmit this request to info-coronavirus@ub.edu to authorise access to the facilities. If the person is a member of PAS, the request must be made to the manager, who will transmit it to info-coronavirus@ub.edu for the same purpose. Applications must be submitted prior to 6 p.m. on the day before the person wishes to access the facilities.

Fourth. As an exception, UB staff (PDI and PAS) who need to can access University of Barcelona buildings on 15 April, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, to gather the material they need to work from a distance or carry out essential activities. In this case, staff must respect the operational regulations and the health and safety regulations, use the personal and group protective equipment that is required, respect the obligatory safe distance and follow the recommendations of the health authorities.

Fifth. This resolution comes into force on 14 April 2020 and will remain valid until it is repealed or amended, according to the evolution of the health alert for COVID-19 (SARS CoV-2).

Sixth. To publish this resolution on the UB electronic office and on the corporate website.

Barcelona, 14 April 2020

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Rector