

Dear colleagues,

In my New Year's speech, I wished the epidemic situation to calm down, much success and, above all, good health. Two months have passed since then. The two months which we managed successfully despite significant restrictions. Thanks to your commitment, in January, we closed projects and contracts for 2020 and, in February, started new activities for 2021. We were optimistic that we would start operating normally with the arrival of the warm weather in the second half of February. The opposite is true. The current situation does not allow us to become fully involved in the work, but, on the contrary, forces us to even more limit people-to-people meetings. The Director's order concerning the coronavirus situation is strengthened by the following opinion (valid from Tuesday 2 March 2021):

Until Friday 3 March 2021, the presence in the TUL buildings is prohibited unless this presence is necessary to ensure the operation of existing ones or the preparation of new projects, orders, agendas, etc. The head of the appropriate department decides the necessity. The head of the department will also send the list of persons with permission to Petra Halířová for record keeping.

We do not declare a building lockdown but limit people-to-people contacts. Unfortunately, vaccination is not coming. University staff was not included among the teachers for priority vaccinations yet. Why? It is probably no longer expected to start teaching at a university.

But let's not succumb to melancholy. Everyone at CxI, that I know had COVID, had a less severe form, and hopefully, there will be no new cases. On Friday, we started distributing FFP2 respirators from the GOOD Mask company, which donated them to us as part of a good relationship. Take the respirators in reception on Monday. We ordered more respirators with the CxI logo. But life is not only COVID:

... TAČR raised money and thus we got more projects from the TREND call,

... a relatively large number of contracts were launched,

... the financial plans of most departments are optimistic,

... we have completed several excellent publications since the beginning of the year,

... several companies turned to us with requests for cooperation,

... and I hope that beer party will happen in future...

