



PUCPR INTERNATIONAL

PUCPR CURRENT ACTION PLAN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

On March 19, the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR) has initiated an action plan in response to the COVID-19 emergency, that led to the suspension of all on-site activities. Despite the difficulties, our university is assuring that all academic activities are taking place via both synchronous and asynchronous remote instruction; our faculty is engaged in conducting live and online discussions, allowing active and meaningful participation of the students. A continuous survey already reveals students and professors very satisfied with the remote classes, which reassures the quality and excellence of academic training. Most important: PUCPR's DNA for teaching is intact, as well as the study schedule and the school calendar.

All PUCPR campuses located in Brazil (Curitiba, Toledo, Maringá, and Londrina) are now closed by municipal decree; therefore, customer services is also being provided by remote instruction (e-mail and telephone). The Psychopedagogical Support Service for PUCPR students (SEAP) is operating online through Blackboard. Our traditional masses, typically held in our beautiful in-campus chapel, are being broadcast through the parish's Instagram account (@paroquiapucpr) and everyone is welcome to attend, as always.

For the PUCPR 2021 academic year, there is a possibility that classes are provided on a hybrid model of teaching. The institution is working to identify the courses and activities that may return to face-to-face modality, including those carried out in laboratories. Programs originally designed as distant learning will continue virtual activities according to their previous. On the bright side, we understand that there is an opportunity for development of valuable soft skills such as autonomy, flexibility, adaptability, creativity and resilience, essential to the students' personal academic and professional development.

PUCPR is very sensitive and supportive to students challenged by the economic impact of the pandemic over the upcoming months; to address this issue, the following measures have been implemented:

- PUCPR is remotely and individually assisting financially challenged students; customized payment plans are being negotiated case-by-case, aiming to offer our students maximum flexibility. This service channel is available in Portuguese at www.pucpr.br/coronavirus.
- Our professors and researchers are working on developing solutions applied to society in short, medium and long term, and several initiatives are implemented or ongoing, such as the development of affordable PPEs (such as masks and clothing) for healthcare workers, as well as cutting edge research searching for new drug treatment and interdisciplinary care protocols.
- PUCPR have also organized support actions for vulnerable communities, especially in our geographic surroundings. The university has been collecting donations and distributing food and cleaning supplies to help families in need.

NEW ENTRY RESTRICTIONS IN BRAZIL

(Updated on 13/01/2021)

If you plan to flight to Brazil, make sure to check the latest Ordinance published by the Brazilian Government official platforms. The Ordinance 648/2020 temporarily prohibits the flights arrival in Brazil from or passing through the United Kingdom. All travelers, Brazilian or foreign, will have to submit a negative RT-PCR test for Covid-19 to board the country. Check the new rules and procedures that must be adopted to enter Brazil:

- It is mandatory to present at the [airport check-in](#) a written proof of a laboratory test (RT-PCR) to detect a SARS-CoV-2 infection with negative or not detectable result, carried out 72 hours before the start of the trip.
- Traveler's Health Declaration* - Mandatory for all travelers, Brazilian or foreign, arriving in the country. The traveler must present the email of proof of completion of the Traveler's Health Declaration to the airline. Access the Traveler Health Declaration form: <https://formulario.anvisa.gov.br/>
- There are special entry restrictions and quarantine measures for travelers coming from Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*ANVISA (National Health Surveillance Agency) requests collaboration in order to send doubts and questions about the declaration form's operation by e-mail: declaracao.viajante@anvisa.gov.br

ANVISA'S LATEST NEWS REGARDING ENTRY RESTRICTIONS: <https://www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br/assuntos/noticias-anvisa/2020/entrada-no-brasil-conheca-novas-regras>

GENERAL PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- Avoid large gatherings and follow social distancing recommendations;
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes;
- Cover coughs and sneezes into the bend of your arm, or use a tissue;
- Wear face covering when out in public or when you can't maintain social distancing.

If you identify any symptoms, contact us for exclusive assistance on +55 (41) 3271-1515 (option 0).

PUCPR INTERNATIONAL ON REMOTE INSTRUCTION

In accordance to institutional and governmental orders - as of March 18, 2020 - all PUCPR International staff has started to work remotely. Our team is fully available for any assistance during business hours (between 8:30 am and 5:20 pm, Brasilia Time Zone) through the contacts below:

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