

# **Addendum A**

## **Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas**

### **COVID Protocols**

#### **Academic Year 2021-2022**

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## Introduction

The Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (herein the Angelicum) is committed to providing its students with a safe and healthy environment while conducting its academic activities. In order to comply with Legislative Decree 111, dated 6 August 2021, the Angelicum is updating its protocols so as to be aligned with the most recent decrees in force.

## Green Pass or Green Pass Equivalent

In accord with the Legislative Decree 111 dated 6 August 2021, all individuals that access the campus must be in possession of the Green pass or its equivalent.<sup>1</sup> For more details on how to obtain the Green Pass, you can access this site:

<https://www.dgc.gov.it/web/>

In order for non-Eu citizens to obtain the Green Pass you must have one of the following:

1. Vaccination card (for one of the approved vaccines, namely: - Comirnaty (*PfizerBioNtech*); Spikevax (*Moderna*); Vaxzevria (*AstraZeneca*); COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen (*Janssen-Johnson & Johnson*).
2. Positive COVID-19 test with recovery certification
3. Negative COVID test (within 48 hours)

Alternatively, the Ministry of Health issued an ordinance on July 29 2021 stating that the Vaccination card or medical certification of having tested positive for COVID-19 and recovering (herein medical certificate) can be accepted in lieu of the Green Pass.<sup>2</sup> For those who have the vaccination card or medical certificate, the Angelicum will accept these in order to adhere to the current legislation in force.

Please read the DL 111 dated August 6 2021 for the specific time limits that are imposed on each type of document for validity. It is the sole responsibility of the individual to ensure that the Green Pass or Green Pass Equivalent documentation is valid per the decree.

## COVID testing

Though the Green Pass can be obtained with a negative COVID test, it is only in effect for 48 hours. This type of Green Pass would require frequent re-testing. The Angelicum at this time cannot reimburse individuals for any COVID testing. Additionally, any COVID testing performed by individuals for whatever reason (whether for the Green pass, or as a result of symptoms or close contact with someone who is symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19) is a personal expense and cannot be reimbursed by the Angelicum.

## Inspection of documentation by the Angelicum

The Green Pass requirement of Legislative Decree 111 dated Aug 6 2021 is currently in effect from September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Therefore, all Angelicum partners (faculty, staff,

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<sup>1</sup> DL 111 Aug 6 2021, Art. 1 sec. 6

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Health Ordinance July 29 2021, Art. 7

students, visitors, vendors) are required to present a digital or paper copy of the Green Pass, vaccination card or medical certificate to administration by way of the portineria for inspection prior to accessing the campus. If the documentation presented is not in Italian or English, it must be accompanied by certified translation(s).

Upon access of the facility, the portineria will ask to see the Green Pass, Green Pass equivalent or Entry card. Green Passes will be authenticated via the VerificaC19 app.

To allow for easier access onto the campus for those who access the facilities on a regular basis, individuals will be given the option to handwrite the following information onto a card (provided in template form) and that card can be used to access the facilities in the future. If they freely choose to do so, the individual will be asked to handwrite the following onto the card:

1. First and Last name
2. Expiration date (based on the legislative norm established)
3. Signature attesting to the validity of the information

The portineria will verify the expiration date before it is filled in by the individual, so as to ensure that the validity of the document corresponds to the legislative norm.

The above data will be used only to create an entry card, so as to hasten entry into the facility for those who come to the campus on a regular basis, but will not be retained by the University. Individuals will need to present either valid documents (as listed above in *Green Pass or Green Pass Equivalent*) or the entry card each time they access the campus to ensure the validity of the document at the time of entry and to ensure compliance with the legislative decree. Individuals that are opting to test every 48 hours will not be issued entry cards, but instead will need to show a negative test or a valid Green Pass at time of entry.

Personal data of individuals (as listed above) will not be retained by the University either in a paper or digital format. Any electronic copies of data that have been already submitted to the Angelicum (either in paper or electronic format) have been deleted and paper copies shredded.

## Admission to Campus

Since the option exists for individuals to present the Green pass, and since the Green Pass can expire (depending on the type obtained), all individuals entering the Campus will be required to present the Green Pass/Vaccination Card/Medical Certificate/Entry Card whenever they seek admission onto campus. This can be either in paper or digital form. Individuals entering the facilities must carry on their person one of the acceptable documents (as listed in this document in *Green Pass or Green Pass Equivalent*) to ensure compliance.

Partners of the Angelicum in possession of an entry card provided by the University, may present the card in order to gain access to the facility.

The Italian government has already taken measures to ensure compliance of this decree at various schools. Those who fail to provide the documentation to the portineria will not be allowed access to the campus and will be asked to leave. If an Inspector comes to the campus to verify compliance, individuals must have on their person, either in paper or digital format, an accepted document (as listed in this addendum) to present to the Inspector.

Individuals are also still required to self-screen before presenting themselves to the portineria. In addition, individuals are still required to take their temperature with the device provided at the main entrance. The normal protocols here apply.<sup>3</sup>

Individuals who provide false documentation will be asked to leave and will not be able to access the campus for the remainder of the semester.

## Visitors on Campus

Visitors to the Angelicum must provide one of the valid documents listed in this document (i.e., Green Pass/Vaccine Card/Medical Certificate/Negative COVID test within the last 48 hours) at the time they present themselves at the portineria. Visitors without valid documentation will not be allowed access to the campus.

## Exceptions

For medical reasons, it may not be possible for some individuals to receive the vaccine. In this case, a medical certification attesting to this must be presented to administration for verification.<sup>4</sup> This can be done in the same way as noted above in *Inspection of Documentation by the Angelicum*. For these individuals (who are not professors) to access the campus they must present: either a valid green pass or the results of a negative COVID test (within 48 hours).

## Personal Protective Equipment and Social Distancing

The use of masks indoors is still in force (i.e., classrooms, hallways, offices, library, reading room, etc.). However, individuals on campus may remove the mask for the following reasons:

1. They are outdoors (i.e., outside the portineria, in the courtyard, in the outdoor cloister hallways).
2. While eating or drinking in the dining area of the Bar.

While indoors masks must be worn at all times (with the exception of eating or drinking in the designated areas). After eating or drinking, masks must be replaced on the face, covering both the nose and the mouth. Every effort should be made not to prolong eating or drinking while indoors, so that the mask can be replaced on the nose and mouth immediately afterwards.

Individuals should still maintain at least a meter of distance from others.

## Conclusion

Other protocols (not pertaining to the above-mentioned items) are in effect and can be found on the Angelicum website here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yvJ8oaDBkp-VNoyWVzcSJ95ibe1\\_mcL1/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yvJ8oaDBkp-VNoyWVzcSJ95ibe1_mcL1/view)

This includes organizational measures, health and safety guidelines and measures, as well as prevention and protection measures.

Any further updates or changes will be communicated to you via email and will be posted to the Coronavirus information section of the Angelicum website. It is the sole responsibility of the

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<sup>3</sup> See the *Screening* section of the original protocols.

<sup>4</sup> DL 111, 6 Aug 2021 Art. 1, sec. 6, art 9-ter, sec 3.

individual to ensure that they access their PUST email account and/or the website to review the most recent updates.

We are grateful to all of our partners for cooperating during these challenging times and we continue to pray for those most affected by the pandemic.