

Bi-Weekly News for KU's International Community

The latest news, views and announcements

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Mask and HES Code Mandate Update

Health Minister Fahrettin Koca revealed late Wednesday that Turkey is **scrapping the outdoor mask requirement** as the COVID-19 pandemic eases.

Koca said that **masks will no longer be mandatory indoors "if ventilation is adequate"** but added that they are still crucial in certain environments, such as around immunocompromised people or those with diseases that can make a COVID-19 infection lethal.

Venues will no longer require people to scan their HES code on entry. Additionally, **COVID-19 tests will not be required for those without symptoms.**

Koca also said that only 8% of people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died last month had no other diseases, adding that the "remaining 92% were diagnosed with pre-existing conditions."

As of now, there are no changes to the measures on KU campuses and dorms. Make sure to stay updated!

For further questions :

covid@ku.edu.tr

Source: [Daily Sabah](#)



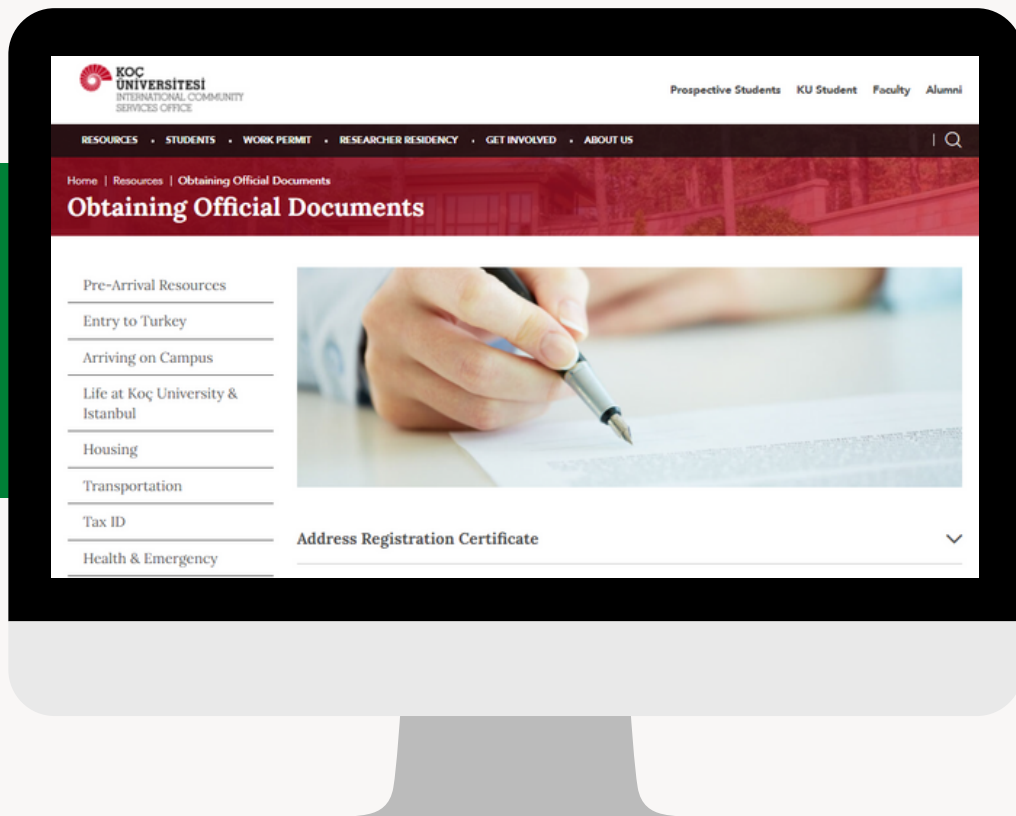
Update Regarding Address Registration

According to a new mandate, from now on, you will be able to register your address at the Migration Directorate, **not** at the District Civil Registry Office. An appointment is no longer required, you may simply visit them with the necessary documents to complete the process.

Istanbul Migration Directorate in Fatih:

[Istanbul İl Goç İdaresi Müdürlüğü, Hirka - İ Şerif Mahallesi, Vatan Caddesi No: 64/34091, Fatih/İstanbul](#)

You can find detailed information by clicking below.



Residence Permit Document Submission

This month, ICO will be organizing a **Help Desk** for residence permit applications on **Tuesday, 15 March, from 10 AM to 5 PM.**

The Help Desk will be located at the **Student Center, -3 Floor, Room B335.**

** Only for international students. Faculty, researchers, staff members and their families can individually consult ICO.*



Important notes:

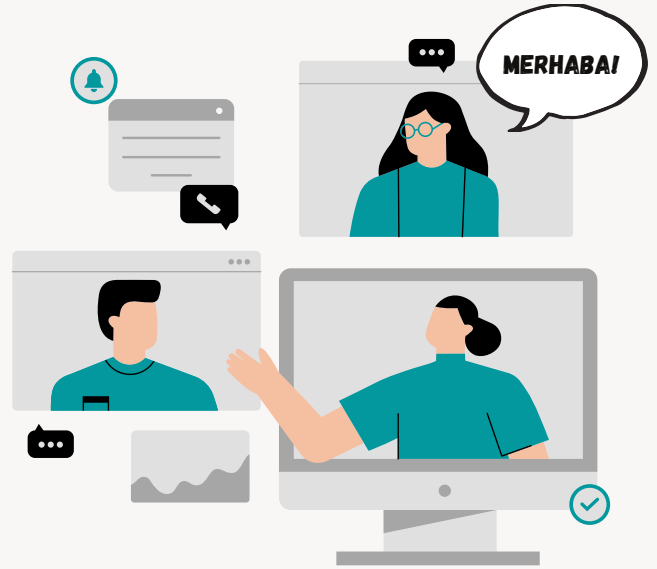
- **Spring semester exchange students should only follow the information given at the orientation and via email.**
- Before the submission date, you should fill out the [Document Submission Form](#) and you should show the screenshot of the filled form while submitting your documents to the Help Desk.
- You can [renew your SRP](#) if there is 60 days or less time to the expiration of your SRP.
- **Late submissions will not be accepted.** Please mind the document submission date and time. Missing the deadline means waiting for the next document submission date.
- **Applications with missing documents or data will not be accepted.** Make sure you double-check the list of required documents on our [website](#). Having a missing document will cause you to wait until next month's document submission period. If your visa/visa exemption period expires, this delay may result in a fine that you will need to pay. Therefore, it is very important to make sure your documents are complete.
- It is mandatory to use a **biometric (in ICAO standards) photograph** in the residence permit applications. You can find the ICAO standards on our [website](#), in the list of required documents on the relevant pages.
- You should stay in Turkey until your application gets evaluated. If you depart before, your application will get rejected automatically.
- If you are making a late application, please make sure that you write and attach a **letter of excuse** in Turkish (Template can be found on our website, in the list of required documents on the relevant pages.)
- Please mind the [campus entry regulations](#) to enter campus.

Turkish Practice Hours

Spring '22 sessions are here!

We are welcoming the new semester with our beloved event Online Turkish Practice Hours (TPH). It is a great opportunity for our international community members who are learning Turkish to practice their Turkish conversational skills in a friendly environment.

You are welcome to join us and practice your Turkish conversational skills with fellow KU students and staff!



What's New for Spring '22?

1. There will be 2 volunteer native speakers each session: one leader, one supporter
2. ICO will provide **a certificate of participation** at the end of the semester for those who attend **at least 5 sessions**
3. In addition to KU community, there will be students from [UNIC partner universities](#)

Beginners:

Fridays, 1-2 PM

Intermediate:

Wednesdays, 2-3 PM

Interested in Joining the Sessions?

1. **Subscribe to the TPH mailing list** to receive related meeting details. You can subscribe by filling out the [subscription form](#). Please make sure your KU Gmail account is accessible.
2. **Follow [this WhatsApp group link](#)** and type "Merhaba!" ("Hello!" in Turkish) to your new friends in the group and introduce yourself. Our volunteers will welcome you.

Important Note: TPH is available **ONLY** for KU affiliates, their family members, students from [UNIC Partner Universities](#)!

For more information: ico.ku.edu.tr/get-involved/learn-practice-turkish/

'Snow Screen Film Fest' Starts in Turkey's East

A movie festival named "Snow Screen Festival" in which spectators will get a chance to watch movies projected on a screen made of snow has started in the **eastern province of Kars** between 3-7 March, in the memory of Tuncel Kurtiz, a legendary actor who died in 2013.

Within the scope of the activities, local artists have built a 2-meter-high screen and a huge portrait of Kurtiz made of snow on the frozen Lake ıldır.

The mastermind behind the festival is Reis elik, a director who shot a documentary called "İnat Hikayeleri" in Kars with Kurtiz in 2003.

"It was our dream to hold a 'snow screen festival' here. Now I will actualize the fest in the memory of him," elik told Demirören News Agency.



Source: [Hürriyet Daily News](#)

Upcoming Events

4 - 17 Mar 2022

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

- 6** Spring Clothes Swap [→](#)
- 9** Language Exchange Meetup #1 [→](#)
- 9** Zorlu PSM - Lokalize: Vera Concert [→](#)
- 13** Byzantium in Popular Culture Exhibit at Pera Museum [→](#)



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