## **DON'T VOTE – March 26, 2022**

## Please do not call the university - we supply the material for the production of the filters, the masks themselves and the filters exclusively to the regional crisis headquarters

Thank you for the trust you place in TUL, but please leave our people and the leadership of the faculty and the university's hands free to work. DO NOT CALL TULK. We do not sell or ship drapes or filter material. Our students have started an initiative to connect companies that can supply and cut material for cloth drape filters with people who may be sewing drapes at home. To sign up for the scheme, click on the website rousky.tul.cz, where you will also find lots more information and contact details for further questions.

## Can we order or buy drapes from you? And Can we help with sewing the drapes?

These are two of the most frequent questions companies, institutions and individuals from all over the Czech Republic have been asking the Technical University of Liberec since Monday.

Telephones were ringing all day Tuesday for Professors Lukáš, Beran and Šedlbauer, who started the production of the drapes with their people from the Faculty of Science, Humanities and Education and the Faculty of Engineering. And by name and tradition, people also turn to our Faculty of Textiles, where the production of nanofibers in a large scale 16 years ago and where the production of nanofibers is also underway.

Those interested in the drapes and volunteer seamstresses also call the university reception, all possible other numbers, and the rector.

"We supply the nanomaterial for the production of the drapes exclusively to the Liberec Region under an agreement with the regional crisis staff," says Miroslav Brzezina, the rector of TUL, adding that most of the drapes we have sewn at the university so far have also gone to the region. "Only some of the already finished drapes are kept at the university for the needs of our employees," the rector adds.

So there are no oral drapes for sale or order at the university!

On the first day of "live" production we were able to deliver over 1000 drapes to the Liberec Region. Our scientists continued to work on increasing the efficiency of the drape. The latest nanomaterial developed so far has an efficiency of around 90%. It could be even higher, but it would be impossible to breathe in the drapes. And we're also working to increase efficiency. Meanwhile, the initial nanomaterial is being produced with new technology at a brand new facility at the Faculty of Engineering. The second machine is at the textile faculty. These are laboratory machines that do not yet "dry" more material than 14,000 drapes a day.

The Liberec Region, through its crisis staff, is also coordinating the distribution of materials to the contracted sewing workshops. Those who want to volunteer to sew can write to dobrovolnictvi@kraj-lbc.cz. The region has contracted suppliers for sewing nanomaterial, and volunteers are sewing fabric drapes for the region.

For the time being, hundreds of drapes are being sewn every day by lab technicians, scientists and other employees of our university, but soon they should return to their work from the sewing machines and we will stop production in the improvised workshop. Therefore, the university is not looking for volunteers to sew the nano-sleeves at the moment.

We would like to thank all of you who have offered to help us, and we also appreciate the support that you have expressed to TULka and its skilled people on <u>Facebook</u>.

Please do not call the university with any more requests for drapes or offers of sewing. If the situation changes and additional forces need to be called upon, we know we can turn to the people and businesses of this country. Thank you.

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