

2020 Earthquake - the consequences on the School of Medicine University of Zagreb

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In the earthquake that hit Zagreb on March 22, the facilities of the School of Medicine in Šalata were significantly damaged, and a week and a half later, Dean Marijan Klarica came out with an approximate assessment of the damage. According to his extensive report, their rough estimate rises to more than half a billion kuna.

Professor Klarica points out that the damage caused by the earthquake on the facilities of Medicine means very difficult working conditions at the faculty for an unpredictably long period. The damage after the earthquake on the buildings in Šalata, which houses teaching facilities, a medical library, classrooms, laboratories for scientific and professional projects and activities, is such that for a long time it will be dangerous

to enter and use buildings, the dean wrote in the notice for students.

Professor Klarica points out that they managed to save most of the valuable equipment, chemicals, work materials and protect important documentation. "All of this is housed in the only surviving building of the Croatian Institute for Brain Research," explains the dean, adding that the damaged buildings will be able to be entered briefly by a few pieces of equipment, only after inspecting statics and removing larger pieces of plaster that could endanger those who enter objects.

Reconstruction of the damaged facilities of the Faculty of Medicine will take months, with which it will be possible to start only when the anti-epidemic measures are stopped. Until then, the building of the Croatian Institute for Brain Research will be "the heart of the Faculty's vital activities." The Dean also listed in detail all the damage to Medicine and explained how five teams are currently working on urgent and vital remedial interventions.

