

# The Covid pandemic: the balance between common language and law

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The Covid-19 pandemic has 'literally' turned our lives upside down. In addition to forcing us to change our daily habits, to modify the way we relate to others, work and study, this virus is also revolutionizing the way we speak. Many new terms have entered everyday language in the last year, new terms that have become commonplace,, like: lockdown, quarantine, distance learning, smartworking. These are often English words that we use every day, hear on the news, on the radio, read in newspapers and on social networks. Therefore, authors of the presented paper decided to reveal close connections between common language and legal language (in our case legal English), to present and analyze basic linguistic features of the most common terms in ELF since introduction of a new term into the corpora requires meeting of series of provisions provided for by law on each citizen and during this still ongoing pandemic period this reality is experienced more than ever.