

Preliminary information from the University Management about 2G as of 24 November 2021

Dear students,
dear colleagues,

As written in an earlier email, the 2G rule will apply for lectures and courses at universities as of Wednesday, 24 November 2021, in accord with the resolution of the Bavarian State Government.

Important: the following information is preliminary based on our current knowledge. The exact regulations will be determined tomorrow (23 November) in the Bavarian *Landtag*.

According to current information, the following regulations will apply at Nuremberg Institute of Technology as of 24 November:

1. Lectures and courses:

On-campus classes for students with 2G status

Only individuals who are vaccinated or recovered (*geimpft* or *genesen*) are allowed to participate in on-campus classes. Classes in which all students can certify they are vaccinated or recovered can and should continue to be conducted on campus.

For other university facilities (e.g. library, PC-labs, study rooms, Faculty offices) the 3G rule will continue to apply.

Hybrid classes for students without 2G status

If one or more students registered in a class are not vaccinated or recovered, hybrid formats should be used so that our vaccinated and recovered students can continue to study on campus. Unvaccinated or not recovered students can follow the class material either via synchronous broadcast or via (where appropriate, already produced) recordings.

Online classes, if hybrid is not reasonable to implement

In the case that classes cannot or cannot sensibly be conducted in a hybrid format, the class must be transferred to an online format.

Lecturers and supporting or assistive staff without 2G status

Lecturers who are not vaccinated or recovered will conduct their classes online. Supporting or assistive staff without 2G status cannot be employed in on-campus classes.

We urge all faculty to not take the transfer from 3G to 2G and eventual challenges with parallel hybrid solutions as cause to change completely to online formats. Many students have been vaccinated specifically to participate in classes on campus and many students expressly prefer to be on campus.

Please inform your students of the format your classes will take as of Wednesday, 24 November.

Students should please contact the respective instructor with questions about classes.

2. Regulations in examinations

Examinations remain, according to the current regulations, exempted from the 3G rule and therefore also from the 2G rule.

3. Controlling of the regulations

The regulations will be controlled by the security firm according to the random system previously described. Additional controlling by lecturers is possible and in everyone's interest.

4. FFP2 mask requirement

All individuals attending classes must wear an FFP2 face mask. This applies even if the minimum physical distance of 1.5 m can be maintained. Presenters or lecturers are not required to wear a mask during the time they are speaking, if the minimum physical distance can be maintained.

5. Regulations for special events

The 2G rule also applies for all internal events other than lectures or courses (conferences, congresses, symposia, festive events, student events, graduation celebrations, or other celebrations, etc.) and for events conducted by external persons that have already been planned and agreed that are conducted in rooms belonging to the university.

As of now and until further notice, external special events will no longer be approved.

6. Regulations for staff

Staff who are not vaccinated or recovered must present a valid, negative test result daily. More information regarding the regulations for staff will be distributed soon.

For your information, we would like to relay that, according to our current knowledge, a transition to online classes would follow if the seven-day-incidence reaches 1,000.

We know that there are still many open questions about details. As soon as we receive more precise information, we will be in touch. Until this information is received, if you have urgent questions, please contact gesundheitsschutz@th-nuernberg.de or hochschulleitung@th-nuernberg.de.

The university is obligated to implement these regulations to ensure the health of all university members; we sincerely ask for your support.

With kind regards,
on behalf of the University Management
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