

# Implementation of the current infection prevention regulations at university

Dear colleagues,  
dear students,

On 24 November, the 15th Bavarian infection prevention ordinance (*Infektionsschutzmaßnahmenverordnung*) was published, supplemented by a letter from the State Minister for Science and the Arts about university operations in winter semester 2021/22.

The most important regulations are detailed below.

## The following regulations shall apply generally:

Only individuals who can comply with the 2G rule, that is, who are vaccinated or recovered (*geimpft* or *genesen*), are allowed to participate in on-campus classes.

All university buildings are also subject to the 2G rule; only individuals who can comply with the 2G rule may enter university buildings. University staff, who can provide a certificate of a negative PCR test twice a week (3G-plus), are also allowed to enter university buildings. The mensa (gastronomy) may only be entered in compliance with the 2G rule.

## As a result of these regulations:

### **1. Classes**

Only individuals who are vaccinated or recovered (*geimpft* or *genesen*) are allowed to participate in on-campus classes. Access to the library, the PC labs, and study rooms is also allowed only in compliance with the 2G rule.

This applies for practical or artistic classes as well. If these classes, for example, are associated with attendance certificates that are recognized for credit, the class can be considered an examination and may be conducted under the 3G-plus rule (see 2. Regulations in examinations).

The ordinance allows exceptions only for students who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. In this case, a PCR test is adequate to participate. Test centers will conduct these tests for free, if a medical certificate is provided.

Classes that take place outdoors remain subject to the 3G rule. The 2G rule applies in closed rooms.

### **On-campus classes for students with 2G status**

Classes in which all students can prove they are vaccinated or recovered can and should continue in person.

### **Hybrid classes for students without 2G status**

If one or more students registered for 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. To ensure the feasibility of studying online, it is sufficient to provide the classes digitally (including asynchronously). Specially created new teaching formats are not required.

### **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. The rate of vaccination amongst the individuals controlled at the university is approximately 95%. 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 soon. Students should please contact the respective instructor with questions about classes.

## **2. Regulations in examinations**

Examinations are excepted from the 2G rule. Final theses are also examinations. For exams, the 3G-plus rule applies, i.e., individuals who are not vaccinated nor recovered must have a negative PCR result to participate in on-campus examinations. These results are valid 48 hours. If a student cannot provide documentation of medical indications that prevent them from vaccination, they must pay the costs for the PCR test(s).

## **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. Staff who are not vaccinated nor recovered must present a valid, negative test result. More information regarding the regulations for staff will be distributed separately.

## **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 if the 7-day-incidence is over 1,000**

If the 7-day-incidence goes above 1,000, no classes will be conducted on campus (regional hotspot lockdown). The library and mensa will also be closed. Practical or artistic educational components or activities that require specific laboratories or working spaces on the university premises are, however, permitted under the 2G rule, if a physical distance of 1.5 metres can strictly be maintained between all participants. In this case, the 3G-plus rule will apply for examinations.

We will communicate any changes in these regulations promptly.

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,

The University Management