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Preliminary note

The extensive elimination of most of the regulations for the control of the Corona virus allows the OVGU to create opportunities for joint learning in presence on campus in the summer semester of 2022.

Even if the 17th containment ordinance of the state of Saxony-Anhalt no longer contains any special regulations for university operations, the OVGU’s own responsibility is required to ensure that all employees and students can work, study and research as safely as possible.

In the rectorate the following hygiene concept was decided on 04.04.2022. The legal basis is the SARS-CoV-2 occupational health and safety regulation. It obliges the employer to identify activities and areas where masks must be worn to protect against infection. The essential criterion for the determination of an obligation to wear masks at work is that technical and organizational measures alone are not sufficient or not possible for the activities carried out or for the time spent in the affected areas, and that the wearing of masks is therefore necessary as a protective measure.

In this sense, the OVGU contributes to the preservation of the health of all university members - employees and students - by ensuring a hygienic environment.

This concept regulates the conditions under which classroom teaching can take place at OVGU during the Corona pandemic. Negative effects on university operations, especially due to a high number of infection cases, should be kept to a minimum.

Please inform yourself regularly on the OVGU website about possible short-term changes or restrictions, which may occur, among other things, due to adjustments of the currently valid containment ordinance or due to a step change. Special regulations may apply to students and employees of the FME.
1 Personal infection control

As before, the possibility of transmission of the COVID-19 virus should be made more difficult.

Key Measures in Brief:

- If experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, e.g., acute respiratory symptoms and/or fever, stay home and review mobile work with supervisor.
- Maintain distance: Wherever possible, maintain a minimum distance of 1.50 m from other personnel.
- Medical face masks (FFP2 mask or surgical mask) must be worn in all university buildings. This can be used to trap droplets emitted, for example, when coughing, sneezing or talking. The risk of infecting another person through coughing, sneezing or talking can thus be significantly reduced (external protection).
- Adhere to hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Talking to each other eye-to-eye at a short distance should be avoided.
- Ventilate rooms and corridors regularly, preferably cross-ventilate.

Each individual is responsible for maintaining appropriate personal hygiene.

Contactless, non-fixed dispensers for hand disinfection are available at all main entrances to the buildings. K51, Tel: 58391 is available as a contact for questions. Additional need for mandatory hand disinfectant can be registered with K43, Tel: 56082.

2 Mandatory use of masks

The Infection Protection recommends the general wearing of a medical face mask (OP mask or FFP2 mask) in closed rooms, especially if distances cannot be kept. The OVGU follows this recommendation. In principle, there is an obligation to wear a medical face mask (OP mask) in all publicly accessible rooms and corridors.

- In lecture halls as well as in laboratories and seminar rooms, an FFP2 mask is mandatory for students and lecturers if the distances cannot be kept. If the minimum distance of 1.50 m is observed, a medical mask (surgical mask) is sufficient.
- At meetings, the wearing of a medical mask (OP mask or FFP2 mask) is obligatory if minimum distances (1.50 m) cannot be maintained.
- At the workplace, the provisions of the Corona Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance (as of 22.03.2022, only in Gerovguman) from the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs apply.

3 Room hygiene

3.1 Ventilation

Regular and proper ventilation is particularly important, whereby the indoor air is exchanged. Before
and after each use of a room as well as during each break, shock ventilation, preferably cross-ventilation, is to be carried out by opening windows and, if necessary, doors as fully as possible for 10-15 minutes, depending on the size and number of participants. The respective teacher is responsible for this. Smaller meeting rooms should be ventilated every 20 minutes for 5-10 minutes. "Continuous ventilation with the windows tilted can also prevent an excessive increase in the concentration of viruses in the room air through continuous air exchange." (Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin, Stand 06.02.21)

Adequate ventilation of corridors, stairwells, kitchenettes and sanitary facilities must be ensured.

### 3.2 Cleaning

"In general, the infectivity of coronaviruses on inanimate surfaces decreases depending on material and environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity " (RKI 2020). "Evidence of transmission through surfaces in public areas is not yet available" (Only in German, RKI 2020). Nevertheless, the RKI recommends cleaning surfaces in public areas. In contrast to cleaning, routine surface disinfection is not recommended by the RKI. Adequate cleaning with soapy water is completely sufficient. If disinfection is deemed necessary in individual cases, K51 (Tel: 58391) should be contacted.

Cleaning staff at OVGU clean surfaces (e.g. door handles) in heavily frequented areas particularly thoroughly on a daily basis.

### 3.3 Hygiene in the Sanitary Area

Liquid soap dispensers and disposable towels are provided in all restrooms and are refilled regularly (contact: K51, Tel: 58391). Collection bins for disposable towels are available.

Medical masks are mandatory in the sanitary rooms. Toilet seats, faucets, wash basins and floors are cleaned daily.

### 3.4 Exams

Instructors are free to choose which examination format (online or face-to-face) they prefer. Where feasible, instructors may choose a digital/electronic examination format or an online examination. For face-to-face exams, regulations analogous to courses apply.

### 3.5 Official/Internal Meetings

For face-to-face meetings, the requirement that a high concentration of infectious aerosols in the room must be avoided applies. Minimum distances (1.50 m), ventilation regulations and, if necessary, the wearing of medical masks must be observed. The room must be selected so that 10 square meters are available per person.

### 4 Persons at higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease progression.

Certain groups of persons are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease progression, see the Robert Koch Institute's information and guidance for persons at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease progression (Only in German).

The protection of all employees and students of the OVGU enjoys the highest priority. Against this background, the following is determined:
• Membership in a risk group and the resulting protective measures are to be determined by the company medical service upon request. Within the scope of the recommendation of the company medical service, employees are required to be on duty.

• Pregnant women are to be given special protection. Pregnant lecturers may be deployed outside the digital workplace on a voluntary basis in accordance with the risk assessment and the recommendations of the company medical service.

• Students who belong to a group of persons with an increased risk of a severe course of a COVID-19 disease according to the RKI can stay away from courses that require a personal presence on site and work on course content online. In any case, the instructors must be informed by the students.

5 Contacts

5.1 Internal contact details
General: corona@ovgu.de
K51: 58391; K43: 56082; K42: 56090

5.2 External contact details

Contact to the company medical service of the OVGU
Breiter Weg 180, 39104 Magdeburg, Germany
Tel.: 0391 598 0380

Contact to the Occupational Safety and Environmental Protection Department of the OVGU
Am Kröketor 8, 39106 Magdeburg, Building 43 | Room 003
Tel.: 0391 67 56079

Magdeburg Health Office
Lübecker Str. 32, 39124 Magdeburg
Tel: 0391 540 2000
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fever outpatient clinic of the Magdeburg Health Department
Brandenburger Str. 8, 39104 Magdeburg
Hotline: 0391 540 6036 or 0391 540 6001
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6 Entry into force

The hygiene concept comes into force as of 05.04.2022.