

**Regulations Covering Hygiene and General Conditions at OVGU for the 2022 Summer Semester
(Hygiene Plan)**

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Preliminary Remarks

The almost complete withdrawal of the statutory restrictions implemented to fight the coronavirus has enabled OVGU to basically return to normal operation.

For this very reason, OVGU is now called upon to act responsibly to ensure that all employees and students are able to work, study and conduct research with as little risk as possible.

The expiration of the rules set out in the SARS-CoV-2 Occupational Health & Safety Regulation means that the requirement to wear a medical mouth and nose covering now no longer applies. The main criterion for stipulating the requirement to wear a mask at the university was that if, due to the activities being carried out or the time spent in the areas concerned, technical and organizational measures alone were not sufficient or were not possible, wearing a mask was necessary as a protective measure. It is recommended that this rule be retained for the protection of both staff and students.

This plan sets out the conditions under which on-campus operations can take place at OVGU during the coronavirus pandemic. The aim is to minimize as far as possible any negative impacts on the operation of the university, particularly as a result of a high number of coronavirus cases.

Please check the [OVGU website](#) regularly regarding possible short-notice changes or restrictions that may be imposed, among other things, due to changes to the control ordinance currently in force or to a change of tier. Students and employees of the Faculty of Medicine will be subject to special provisions where applicable.

1 Personal Infection Prevention

Measures should continue to be taken to prevent the possibility of transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

In brief, here are the most important actions to take:

- **In the case of COVID-19 symptoms, e.g. acute respiratory symptoms and/or fever, remain at home and discuss the possibility of working from home with your manager.**
- **Keep your distance:** wherever possible, a minimum distance of 1.50 meters must be maintained to other people.
- It is recommended that **medical face masks** (FFP2 or surgical masks) be worn in the university buildings. This helps to capture droplets that are ejected when, for example, coughing, sneezing or speaking. This can help to significantly reduce the risk of infecting another person by coughing, sneezing or speaking (protection of others).
- **Follow coughing and sneezing etiquette**
- Speaking to others face-to-face at only minimal distances should be avoided.
- Rooms and corridors must be **ventilated regularly, preferably by cross-ventilating.**

Each and every individual is personally responsible for maintaining appropriate personal hygiene.

Contactless, unmounted hand sanitizer dispensers are available at all main entrances to the buildings. Should you have any questions, K51, ext. 58391 will be pleased to assist. Additional requirements for essential hand sanitizer can be reported to K43, ext. 56082

2 Requirement to Wear a Mask

Although it is no longer a basic legal requirement to wear a **medical face mask in all public rooms and corridors, OVGU recommends that you continue to protect yourself and others voluntarily by wearing a mouth and nose cover.**

- In **lecture halls, laboratories and seminar rooms an FFP2 mask** is recommended for students and lecturers if it is not possible to maintain the suggested minimum distance. If **maintaining a minimum distance of 1.50 m**, the recommendation is that a **medical mask** (surgical mask) should be worn.
- In the case of meetings, the wearing of a medical mask is recommended if it is not possible to maintain a minimum distance of 1.50 m.

3 Room hygiene

3.1 Ventilation

Regular and proper ventilation to ensure that the indoor air is regularly replaced continues to be important. Before and after each use of a room and in every break, depending on the room size and number of participants, a “short, sharp” ventilation, preferably cross-ventilation, should be undertaken by opening the windows and, where possible, doors as wide as possible for 10-15 minutes. Smaller meeting rooms should be ventilated every 30 minutes for 5-10 minutes.

Attention must be paid to ensuring sufficient ventilation of corridors, stairwells, tea rooms and bathroom facilities.

3.2 Cleaning

Specific requirements continue to apply concerning the cleaning of surfaces in public areas.

If disinfection is considered necessary on a case-by-case basis, please contact K51 (ext. 58391).

Surfaces (e.g. doorknobs) in heavily frequented areas will be cleaned especially thoroughly every day by the cleaning staff at OVGU. In the sanitary facilities, toilet seats, fittings, wash basins and floors are cleaned daily.

3.3 Hygiene in bathroom areas

In all toilet facilities, liquid soap dispensers and single-use towels are provided that are regularly replenished (contact.: K51, ext. 58391). Bins are available for single-use paper towels.

The recommendation to wear a medical mask in the sanitary facilities still applies.

3.4 Holding of examinations

In principle, all examination formats (online or on-campus) are possible. For on-campus examinations, similar rules to those applicable to face-to-face classes apply.

3.5 Official business / internal meetings

It is recommended that a medical face mask be worn. When selecting rooms, the number of participants must be taken into consideration.

4 Individuals at higher risk of complications resulting COVID-19

For certain groups of people, the risk of complications from COVID-19 is greater.

Protecting all employees and students at OVGU has the highest priority. With this in mind, the following is stipulated:

- Membership of a risk group and the consequent protective measures must be determined in coordination with the occupational health service. Employees will be required to fulfill their duties within the framework of the recommendations made by the occupational health service.
- Pregnant women in particular must be protected. The deployment of pregnant lecturers outside of online teaching will be in accordance with the risk assessment and the recommendations of the occupational health service on a voluntary basis.
- Students belonging to a group that is at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 may stay away from classes that require attendance in person and, in agreement with their lecturers, work through the course content online.

5 Contacts

5.1 Internal contact details

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5.2 External contacts details

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6 Entry into force

The Hygiene Plan comes into force from 02.06.2022