

Temporary Rules Allowing the University to Operate under the Conditions of the Coronavirus Pandemic (Date 8 July 2021)

I. Introduction

Current legislation by the federal government and the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg does not permit the university's existing phased plan for dealing with coronavirus to be implemented and/or revised properly.

Therefore the university's phased plan is no longer in force, and the following rules to allow the university to operate under the conditions of the coronavirus pandemic will apply.

II. Updated rules allowing the university to operate under the conditions of the coronavirus pandemic

Based on the current low 7-day incidence, from July 9, 2021 the following rules apply. These rules are subject to the incidence values not increasing significantly.

1. General safety measures

The familiar basic protective measures of maintaining distance, observing hygiene, wearing a mask in the situations stated in the university's hygiene regulations, regular ventilation and a ban on access/participation in the case of typical symptoms of coronavirus, plus the measures in the General SARS-CoV-2 Hygiene Regulations of the University of Freiburg (SARS-CoV-2-Hygieneordnung Universität) dated March 31, 2021, Version 4.2 must continue to be followed. In addition, the university's hygiene regulations will directly be adapted to include the rules given below in 2. to 7.

2. Teaching

(1) Limited face-to-face studies are possible. The following may be attended:

- practical classes, in particular those that require special laboratory or work spaces, including sports facilities, in particular laboratory practicals, practical elements involving patient contact in compliance with the requirements of the clinics and teaching hospitals, dissection courses and events that involve mainly practical teaching elements, where they are absolutely necessary,

- written and oral examinations, in particular final examinations where absolutely necessary,
 - admission and approval procedures., where absolutely necessary,
 - classes for students in their first semester, for students who commenced studying their first subject semester in summer semester 2020 or winter semester 2020/2021, and for students who are shortly to finish their degree or are facing crucial examinations,
 - other face-to-face classes and forms of study in the open when there is an incidence of up to 165, and indoors when there is an incidence of up to 100.
 - For events involving groups of more than 35 students the 'AHA-L rules' - that is, Hands - Face - Space & Ventilation, continue to apply.
 - It is no longer obligatory to wear an FFP2 mask for the above face-to-face classes if the distance of 1.5 meters to others can be safely maintained. This exception applies when there is an incidence of up to 35 in the Freiburg city region.
 - Teachers do not have to wear an FFP2 mask if a distance of 2 meters to others can be safely maintained. It is not necessary to present test results, or proof of vaccination or recovery.
 - For events involving groups of up to 35 students variations on the minimum distance are possible if test results, or proof of vaccination or recovery are presented.
 - Those in charge of the event are responsible for checking the test results, or proof of vaccination or recovery.
 - It is obligatory to wear an FFP2 mask or respirator. Teachers do not have to wear an FFP2 mask if a distance of 2 meters to others can be safely maintained.
 - Participation in excursions lasting several days including overnight stays depends on the presentation of an up-to-date (that day) test result, or proof of vaccination or recovery immediately before departure and self-testing under supervision every 48 hours during the trip.
 - All classroom lessons and written examinations must be approved by the Rectorate. An approval can only be granted if the distancing rules can be met.
- (2) Individual post-exam reviews may take place on site by appointment. Groups must have approval for a classroom lesson from the Rectorate. Contact details must be collected.
- (3) Consulting hours may only take place face-to-face by prior appointment and providing contact details are gathered.

3. Libraries, teaching and study areas

- (1) Controlled access with restriction on opening hours and a maximum number of people allowed inside; restriction on user groups and on site services; literature provided by loans and limited use on site, increase in electronic offering, increased essay and book delivery services.
- (2) At the university library Parlatorium, 2nd floor, there are six 'study islands' where groups of up to five may work. From Mon-Fri 8:00 -18:00 shifts of 2 hours can be booked via HISinOne.
- (3) With the consent of the Rectorate, seminar rooms and lecture rooms may temporarily be used as library space, in particular in the period when no lectures are being given, and can be adapted and assigned for use as additional reading and teaching space. In these rooms the relevant CoronaVO rules for libraries would apply. There is no requirement to present a negative test result for use of this additional library space.

4. Carrying out research and administration work

- (1) It is possible to carry out research and administration work on site, however management must enable working from home if staff wish to do so and their job does not require their presence in the workplace.
 - Contact with staff must continue to be avoided. The minimum distance of 1.5 meters continues to apply. In accordance with the federal government's legally-binding regulation, SARS-CoV2-Arbeitsschutzverordnung, it is not permitted to reduce the minimum distance for those who are fully-vaccinated or recovered.
 - Staff may remove their masks while working once they reach their desk/workstation in university buildings, provided the minimum distance of 1.5 meters to others can safely be ensured; this does not apply if members of the public are also present.
- (2) Face-to-face committee meetings are permitted; the 'AHA-L rules' – that is, Hands – Face – Space & Ventilation – must be observed. There is no obligation to wear a mask at your seat if the concentration of CO₂ indoors does not exceed 800 ppm (measurement on site using CO₂ sensor).
- (3) Other business meetings (inc. retreats) can take place face-to-face. There is no obligation to wear a mask at your seat if the concentration of CO₂ indoors does not exceed 800 ppm.
- (4) Catered events are possible if on business; events should be notified to the Rectorate accompanied by a hygiene concept no less than two days beforehand (praxisveranstaltungen@zv.uni-freiburg.de).

Providing drinks or plates of fruit and biscuits in the workplace does not count as catering and does not therefore have to be notified.
- (5) Works outings, birthday parties, summer parties, etc., are not permitted.

5. Vaccination

A high proportion of vaccinated students and staff offers the best prospect for an open university with more normality, so we ask that members of the university make use of the opportunity to get vaccinated. You can book an appointment at a vaccination center at <https://www.116117.de/de/corona-impfung.php>.

6. Business trips

- (1) Business trips within Germany are possible provided the 7-day incidence at the destination is below 100.
- (2) Business trips abroad are possible if the state/region is **not** categorized as a risk area, high incidence or virus variant area by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) at the start of the trip.
- (3) Business trips to risk or high incidence areas abroad are only possible for staff who have full immunization at the start of the trip (i.e. at least 14 days must have passed since the last single vaccination required), as well as for staff who have recovered from SARS-CoV-2, provided the infection was at least 28 days before the start of the trip and no more than six months before the end of the trip. These business trips must be approved by the rector.
- (4) Business trips to states/regions that are categorized by the RKI as a virus variant area at the start of the trip are not possible.
- (5) Exceptions to the above rules will only be considered if the business trip is professionally essential and cannot be postponed. They must be approved by the rector. A travel authorization request must be accompanied by a suitable explanation of the need for the trip by the applicant. In particular the urgency and importance of the business trip and the business issues that make the trip necessary should be given.

7. Miscellaneous

- (1) Public events, conferences, congresses must be approved by the Rectorate (praxisveranstaltungen@zv.uni-freiburg.de).
- (2) Approval for rehearsals for orchestras, choirs and theater groups may be obtained from the Rectorate on submission of a hygiene concept (praxisveranstaltungen@zv.uni-freiburg.de).
- (3) Admission of outsiders is subject to the hygiene regulations.