

Infection protection concept for university operations at the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

The basis for university operations at the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg is the observance of the general regulations on infection protection, i.e. the Protection against Infection Act (IfSG), and the occupational health and safety regulations.

The rules described in this infection protection concept must be strictly observed in university operations. Their aim is to protect the health of everyone involved.

Recommendation to wear a mask

With effect from 1 June 2022, the recommendation to wear a face mask applies in buildings and closed rooms of the university, especially where a distance of 1.5 m to other persons cannot be safely maintained. This also applies to internships, practical exercises, and on-site examinations. For on-site examinations, the obligation to provide proof of vaccination, recovery or testing is also dropped.

Hygiene and cleaning

Intensified hygiene measures continue to contribute significantly to reducing the risk of infection. For this purpose, the university provides hand disinfectant dispensers at the building entrances as well as soaps and paper towels in sanitary rooms in sufficient quantity.

The intensified hygiene measures particularly include:

- sufficient hand hygiene including the use of hand disinfection dispensers when entering and leaving the university buildings
- compliance with cough and sneeze etiquette (coughing and sneezing into the crook of the arm)
- the use of own personal work equipment as far as possible

In the case of special or increased cleaning requirements, this must be notified via bewirtschaftung@uni-wuerzburg.de.

Sport and music education

Practical events and on-site examinations at the Sports Centre as well as practising and practical teaching in the subject of music education can require further precautionary measures, which are laid down in the corresponding infection protection concepts of the university.

Ventilation

All given possibilities for the ventilation of rooms (especially windows and ventilation systems) have to be used. The ventilation systems are set to operate with 100% outside air or the required proportion of outside air by the university. The person responsible for an event must ensure a sufficient exchange of fresh air that ensures ventilation in line with infection control requirements. Details are specified in the university's ventilation concept.

Risk groups

Members of groups with an increased risk of a severe course of corona infections (risk groups according to the Robert Koch Institute) are recommended to take the necessary measures for self-protection. This may include wearing respiratory protection with the individually required protective effect. If required, the university offers corresponding advice on this from the Department for Health Protection and the company medical service.

Hygiene concept for scientific and cultural events

The organiser of scientific and cultural events is recommended to draw up an individual hygiene concept in consultation with the Department for Health Protection (gesundheitsschutz.corona@uni-wuerzburg.de) on the basis of a risk assessment, if applicable, which in particular provides measures for the provision of disinfectants and the avoidance of unnecessary contacts, if 100 people or more participate in the event.

Suspected cases and cases of infection

If cases of infection occur during teaching events (including internships and excursions) or examinations, the Public Health Department decides on the measures to be taken.

- Students who have tested positive for Corona by a rapid antigen test may not participate in a teaching event or an examination. This also applies in the case of a positive self-test. The affected person should return home by a direct route, provided that he/she only receives the notification during the event, avoid contact and isolate himself or herself until the result has been verified by a PCR test; until then, the affected person is not allowed to take part in any teaching event or examination.
- Students who have tested positive by a PCR test and are taking or have taken part in a teaching event or an examination are requested to inform the person responsible for the teaching event or examination immediately and to report the case of infection,

stating the date of the PCR test, to gesundheitsschutz.corona@uni-wuerzburg.de.

- After becoming aware of an infection in his or her teaching event or examination, the person who conducts or has conducted the teaching event or examination must immediately inform the university by e-mail to gesundheitsschutz.corona@uni-wuerzburg.de. The next steps will then be coordinated with the affected areas.

Prohibition to enter the university

Persons are not permitted to enter buildings and closed rooms of the university

- a) who have been found to be currently infected with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus and who are subject to isolation measures,
- b) who show symptoms typical of an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (acute, non-specific general symptoms, fever, loss of smell and taste, unusual respiratory symptoms of any severity),
- c) who are subject to quarantine measures.

In case b), carrying a currently valid negative test evidence for an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus renders the prohibition on entering buildings and closed rooms of the university invalid.

Responsibilities

All members of the university have the responsibility to provide appropriate information within their own area of responsibility about the currently applicable rules for infection protection, in particular compliance with the basic hygiene recommendations. This applies in particular to supervisors, chairpersons of meetings, examiners and lecturers.

Supplementary information

Further information can be found at <https://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/corona>.

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This infection protection concept cannot cover all special circumstances. All members of Würzburg University are therefore called upon to resolve arising situations in the spirit of these regulations and to always give priority to health protection.