



To all teaching staff, colleagues, and students,

As infection numbers in the city are again beginning to rise and we have exceeded 35 cases on five consecutive days, we would like to highlight, for the start of the new semester, the implementation and adherence of the following regulations based on the current Saxon Coronavirus Protection Act:

1. Masks are mandatory

In accordance with Section 6 (3) of the Saxon Coronavirus Protection Act, masks must be worn in all university buildings and rooms. These may be removed once you are at your place (e.g., workplace, lectures, seminars and events) if social distancing of 1.5 metres can be maintained.

2. Contact data recording

In accordance with Section 3 (3) of the Saxon Coronavirus Protection Act, all persons visiting the university / not university members, must provide their contact data upon entering the building with immediate effect – either by registering with the Pass4All app or in person at the entrance.

3. Mandatory testing

All university members must test themselves, or be tested, twice a week. Those who are fully vaccinated as well as those recovering from the virus are excluded from this. Free self-tests are available from the chancellor's office. In accordance with Section 7 (2) of the Saxon Coronavirus Protection Act, please keep evidence, with immediate effect, of this testing for four weeks. The necessary forms are available from the chancellor's secretarial office.

Furthermore, in accordance with Section 5 (3) Saxon Coronavirus Protection Act, all teaching staff and employees of the university administration who have not worked for five consecutive days or more, either due to holiday or days off, must provide evidence of vaccination, recovery or testing on the first day back at work. Alternatively, you may also take a supervised test on the first day which is provided free of charge in the chancellor's secretarial office. Evidence of this must be provided to the dean of studies, dean, department head or head of HR immediately. If providing evidence of a test, this should be no older than 24 hours.

4. Rules for teaching

Participation in in-person teaching as well as in-person examinations is only permitted for persons who can provide evidence of vaccination, recovery from the virus or a test (the so-called "3G rule"). The lecturer in charge may examine this evidence. Students who are unable to provide evidence will not be permitted to take part in teaching. Further information on the validity of test, vaccination and virus recovery evidence is provided in the hygiene concept.

Free tests near the university are still available in the Haus der Presse, Ostra-Allee-20.

In accordance with Section 6 (2) Saxon Coronavirus Protection Act, masks are not obligatory in artistic lessons / lesson modules. Each lecturer is responsible for adherence to the requirements

of the hygiene concept – minimum social distancing of 1.5 metres, 2 metres for wind instrument players and singers and 3 metres in the direction of singing and wind instrument playing. The list of maximum room occupancy numbers for ensuring adherence to minimum social distancing requirements must also be observed.

For lessons which do not incorporate any artistic elements or interaction (e.g., singing, instrument playing, acting and/or movement), medical face masks are not required if minimum social distancing is followed. With adherence to the “3G rule”, there are also no requirements concerning maximum number of people in a room. If minimum social distancing cannot be ensured, masks must be worn.

Contact details must continue to be recorded for classes – please observe the rules concerning this in our hygiene concept. For small group teaching (three persons or more), the lecturer is responsible for a list of participants for each lesson. For lectures and other lessons in larger groups, if held in person, the use of the Pass4All app is recommended. The corresponding access codes can be found in lecture rooms.

Dear colleagues and students,

Universities in Saxony are committed to doing all they can to ensure that teaching can continue as normally as possible. A requirement for this is that the vaccination rate is as high as possible amongst all university members. In the fulfilment of this obligation, we invite you to participate in our vaccination offer on 27 September in the university. Further information will be available nearer the time.

Furthermore, the university wishes to continue to provide regular testing to protect the health of students, teaching staff and employees. It is currently unclear as to whether we can continue to provide students who are not vaccinated with free tests in the long term. Saxony’s universities are currently in negotiations with the ministry concerning this.

We ask you to please continue to support us in the realisation of these measures and, in doing so, contribute to a successful semester. If the infection rate again drops to below 35 in the long term, we will inform you on any change in measures.

Please also observe any changes in the university’s hygiene concept on www.hfmdd.de.

Kind regards

University management

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