Infection Protection Act (Infektionsschutzgesetz - IfSG) – Compulsory vaccination for persons working and studying in hospitals here: Students

Dear Students,

Due to the amendment of the Infection Protection Act (IfSG) on 10 December 2021, vaccination is now compulsory for persons working and studying in hospitals in accordance with § 20a IfSG from 15 March 2022. As things stand at present, this obligation applies until 31 December 2022.

The type of employment is irrelevant. In addition to employees, the law also covers pupils, interns, volunteers and students who have to attend courses that are connected with an activity in a hospital as part of their studies - for students of Ulm University: Ulm University Medical Centre/RKU, Zentrum für Biomedizinische Forschung (ZBF), academic teaching hospitals of Ulm University. The obligation to provide evidence does not depend on whether there is direct patient contact during the activity (here: study).

All students in the medical degree programmes (assigned to the Medical Faculty), as well as students or doctoral students who complete courses (e.g. students with medicine as a secondary subject) in (clinical research) institutions of the Ulm University Medical Centre/RKU, Zentrum für Biomedizinische Forschung (ZBF) or in academic teaching hospitals of Ulm University or who complete their theses there (bachelor’s/master’s/doctorate) are obliged to provide proof.

To be allowed to participate in the relevant courses or to continue working on your thesis or dissertation after 15 March 2022, please submit the following documents to the office responsible for you (see below) by 28 February 2022 at the latest:

- Proof of vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus: Copy of the COVID-19 vaccination certificates with QR code of the first, second and, if applicable, booster vaccination (Note: You can also print out your digital vaccination certificate with the QR code from the CovPass app or the Corona Warning app); or
- Proof of recovery from a previous infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus: Copy of the COVID-19 recovery certificate with QR code, whereby the infection may not have occurred less than 28 days and no longer than 3 months ago, as things stand at present, or
- Medical certificate (copy) stating that vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus is not possible due to a medical contraindication.

The statutory deadline for submitting evidence is 15 March 2022. Where evidence ceases to be valid from 16 March 2022, **new evidence must be submitted within one month of the expiry** of the previous evidence.

Please check for yourself whether your certificate is still valid beyond 16 March 2022. The requirements for the vaccination or recovery status result from § 2 Nr. 3 or Nr. 5 of the COVID 19 Protection Measures Exemption Ordinance (Schutzmaßnahmen-Ausnahmenverordnung) of 8 May 2021, as amended, in conjunction with [www.pei.de/Impfstoffe/COVID-19](http://www.pei.de/Impfstoffe/COVID-19).

You can find information about when you are considered fully vaccinated or recovered on the website of the Robert Koch Institute: [https://www.rki.de/SharedDocs/FAQ/COVID-Impfen/FAQ_Liste_Durchfuehrung_Impfung.html](https://www.rki.de/SharedDocs/FAQ/COVID-Impfen/FAQ_Liste_Durchfuehrung_Impfung.html)

We would like to point out that the University or the University Hospital is legally obliged to inform the competent health authority if the required proof is not received by 15 March 2022 or if there are doubts about the authenticity or the correctness of the contents of the proof submitted. If no proof is submitted, the health authority may issue a ban on entering or working in the above-mentioned facilities. If a ban on entering or working is issued, you will no longer be allowed to enter the facilities in question from that point on. Your studies will be delayed in this case, as the training/activity can only take place in the above-mentioned facilities.

Please submit your documents to:

1. If you are enrolled in a degree programme of Ulm University at the Medical Faculty (Medicine, Dentistry, Molecular Medicine, etc.) all evidence goes exclusively to:

   service.personal@uniklinik-ulm.de

2. If you are enrolled as a student in other degree programmes or if you are a doctoral student (also at the Medical Faculty, provided that you are no longer enrolled as a student in a regular degree programme) **AND** if you are completing courses and/or theses at (clinical research) institutions of the University Hospital Ulm/RKU, please submit all evidence to:

   studiensekretariat@uni-ulm.de

Deadline: All documents must be submitted **by 28 February 2022 at the latest** so that the workload associated with processing and recording can be managed by the deadline. Delays in the course of studies must be expected in the case of a non-timely submission.

Doctoral candidates who also have an employment contract with the University Hospital Ulm have been contacted by the hospital's personnel department regarding the submission of the certificates. In this case, this letter can be considered irrelevant.

Please attend to this in good time and plan some lead time in case of a missing vaccination.
If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Dean of Studies at the Medical Faculty, Frau Dr. Grab - Kroll claudia.grab@uni-ulm.de or the head of the Studiensekretariat, Frau Westhauser studiensekretariat@uni-ulm.de

Your sincerely

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