New Corona rules from 11/29/2021 in study operations

Dear teachers of the University of Ulm, dear colleagues, dear students,

with 11/24/2021 a new Corona Ordinance on Study Operations will come into force. There will be some changes due to the introduction of alert levels. I therefore ask you to read the following text very thoroughly.

According to § 2 of the Corona Ordinance on Study Operations, which came into force today, attendance at the universities will take place in accordance with this regulation. This does not change our university’s principles of continuing to organise study programmes in a sensible mix of face-to-face and online teaching. This is also in line with the wishes of our lecturers, who yesterday in the Senate's Teaching Committee declared their support for the continuation of face-to-face teaching.

However, with the new Corona Ordinance on Study Operations, the alarm level concept from the general Corona Ordinance was also introduced into study operations, with consequences for our study operations. The state of Baden - Württemberg is already in the newly established alert level II with the entry into force of this new Corona Ordinance on Study Operations. The State Health Office announces the entry of the respective level by publication on the Internet (www.gesundheitsamt-bw.de/lga/de/fachinformationen/infodienste-newsletter/infektnews/seiten/lagebericht-covid-19).

The following new rules apply in alert level II from Monday, 29.11.2021 for attendance events (including exams!):

3G for compulsory practical events and examinations required in attendance
1. practical events which require in particular the special laboratory or work rooms at the universities, in particular laboratory practicals, practical training components with patient contact, preparation courses, as well as events with predominantly practical and artistic training components, and
2. examinations, in particular final examinations, as well as access and admission procedures, insofar as these courses require compulsory attendance; in these courses a 3G certificate is sufficient.
2G in all other face-to-face courses
Participation in all classroom events except (practical events and examinations see above) of the study programme is only permitted upon presentation of a vaccination certificate or proof of convalescence. For teaching staff, study mode 3G applies in accordance with the Corona Ordinance.

2G for the use of student learning spaces outside of libraries.
The use of student learning spaces outside the library is also only permitted with the presentation of proof of vaccination or convalescence. For the use of student learning spaces inside the library as well as access to the library, 3G proof is sufficient. Proof of vaccination, convalescence or testing is not required for the collection and return of media in the library.

Full check of 2G and 3G proofs
Due to the current alert level II, random checks of course entry requirements must be abandoned and replaced by full checks. The control of the entry requirements in designated learning rooms and areas is carried out daily and individually by the supervisors. The control of access requirements in courses is carried out by the lecturers.

Advice for teachers
- Ask staff and assistants from your institutes and, if necessary, also students in your courses to support you during the examinations.
- Report the need for support staff to assist with the examinations to your programme coordinators. They will pass on the need to Department III so that assistants can be recruited to support the access checks in the next few weeks.
- Use the CovPassCheck app for the checks. This can be used to quickly check most QR codes on certificates.

Advice for students
- All evidence must be available as a digitally verifiable certificate (e.g. in CovPass, Corona alert app, digitally scanned quick test certificate).

Overview of the hygiene rules in study operations

Entry ban
Courses may not be attended by persons who:
- are subject to a segregation obligation according to the Corona Ordinance Separation (https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/uebersicht-corona-verordnungen/coronavo-absonderung),
- wear neither a medical mask nor an FFP2 mask,
- are unable to present proof of testing, vaccination or convalescence at 3G events,
- cannot provide proof of vaccination or recovery in 2G events,
- show typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus
- refuse to provide contact details.

Mask obligation, behaviour in the building and 2G/3G examinations
- The rules on compulsory wearing of masks in face-to-face events during study programmes (courses and examinations of all kinds), which have already been announced by the Executive Board, remain in force. This also applies to lecturers.
• Only demonstrably vaccinated, recovered or tested (3G) or vaccinated or recovered (2G) persons may participate in courses. Lecturers and supervisory staff in common areas are obliged to check the relevant certificates of participants.

• A minimum distance of 1.5 m from other persons is to be maintained throughout the university and regular hand hygiene as well as cough and sneeze etiquette are to be observed. Gatherings are to be avoided, this applies in particular to circulation areas and shared spaces such as break rooms and tea kitchens.

• In University buildings, a medical face mask or FFP2 mask is to be worn in all corridors, in areas with public traffic.

• People flows are directed via separate entrances and exits. This is not always possible in teaching rooms. Here, by informing students in good time and checking in front of the entrances, care must be taken to ensure that distances are observed and that there are no accumulations.

The following are valid as proof:

• A complete vaccination certificate (e.g. vaccination certificate with 2nd vaccination for at least 14 days),

• a certificate, e.g. issued by the family doctor, confirming that a covid infection was overcome no more than 6 months ago,

• a negative rapid test certificate from a certified test station (citizen test centre, pharmacy, family doctor or similar), which is not older than 24 hours at the start of the event or a negative PCR test certificate, which is not older than 48 hours at the start of the event.

All proofs must be available as a digitally verifiable certificate (e.g. in CovPass, Corona-WarnApp, digitally scanned rapid test certificate).

Students without a certificate (note the difference between 2G and 3G courses, see above) are excluded from attending courses. These regulations must be strictly adhered to in order to maintain the attendance study programme and are also monitored by the university. Anyone who violates these regulations commits an administrative offence. Administrative offences are punishable by severe fines and will be reported immediately to the Presidential Board.

Contact data collection

The regulations on data processing remain unaffected and must still be observed.

In order to ensure the tracking of possible chains of infection, the contact details of people who are in a room are collected via the electronic recording system KNApp UU. Please remind your students at the start of the event to scan the QR code on the room/area with a smartphone or use the web link provided to enter their data.

Frequently asked questions:

What happens in the event of a corona case in your own course?

From a legal point of view, people without symptoms are still allowed to come to the university. If a confirmed case of corona has occurred in one or more participants of a face-to-face course, the remaining course participants should be advised to take a test. A draft letter can be provided to the lecturers by the Student Secretariat so that they can inform their course participants via Moodle.

Additional answered questions can be found in the FAQs at (https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/faqs-universitaet-ulm/#c818985).
These drastic changes to the rules once again demand a great deal of flexibility from us. The new Corona Ordinance on Study Operations will be valid until 22.12.2021. I will inform you immediately by email about any changes. Thank you all for your commitment.

Kind regards
Yours
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