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New test centre on campus: rapid tests for students in practical courses

Dear students, dear teachers of Ulm University,

Since 3rd of May the COVID Rapid Test Centre has opened in the Mensa Süd, and we would like to offer all students and employees the opportunity to regularly take a rapid test for infection with SARS-CoV-2 on campus. Please take advantage of this or other testing, because with regular corona testing you can prevent possible infection of those around you. Ulm University is pursuing a zero-covid strategy on campus for the summer semester 2021. For this purpose, the following regulations were also passed with the decision of the presidium on 05/04/2021:

- Effective immediately: Testing at the test centre is possible and recommended for all students and employees, this is voluntary. (https://www.uni-ulm.de/universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/covid-schnelltest/)
- Until 05/10/2021 (or until 05/17/2021 in medicine/dentistry), quick tests will still be made available in the face-to-face courses and can be used.
- From 05/10/2021: Testing in the test centre replaces the self-tests handed out so far (exception: Medicine/Dentistry, here until 05/17/2021). Please take advantage of this opportunity to take a test now, especially before attending courses, so that you are familiar with the procedure.
- From 05/17/2021: Compulsory testing for all face-to-face courses (except examinations).

At the COVID Quick Test Centre at Ulm University, you will receive a dated, personalised paper record of your test. On this you will find a QR code which you can use to call up your personal test result 15 minutes after the test. At the same time, this serves as proof of a negative test for participation in classroom teaching if it is not older than 24 hours at the start of the classroom appointment. From now on, instead of the quick test provided in the practical course, the printout from the test centre can also be presented to the lecturers. For students of medicine / dentistry, until the introduction of the compulsory test for attendance events, already established, equivalent rapid tests in the clinic/programme-associated environment under medical-scientific supervision also apply.



When <u>compulsory testing for students is introduced on 05/17/2021</u>, a negative rapid test must be presented at a certified testing station (COVID Rapid Test Centre Mensa Süd or other, pharmacy, general practitioner or similar) in order to participate in attendance courses. Instead of a rapid test, a negative PCR test proof can also be presented, which is not older than 48 h at the start of the event. Equivalent to a negative rapid test or PCR test is also a complete vaccination certificate (e.g. vaccination certificate with 2nd vaccination at least 14 days ago) or a certificate issued by your family doctor, for example, confirming that you have been infected with Covid no more than 6 months ago.

We would like to point out that you may not enter or must leave Ulm University with a positive rapid test. The ban on entering will only be lifted upon presentation of a current negative PCR test.

The lecturers will check that the above-mentioned requirements have been met before entering the attendance course. <u>Students who cannot prove that they meet these requirements will be excluded from practical courses.</u>

To teachers in practical courses, we also strongly recommend regular testing if there is no condition that can be considered equivalent; regulations on this are currently in the process of being agreed. Both teachers and students are asked to schedule their appointment at the test centre so that the test result is available before the start of the face-to-face course.

At present, there is no compulsory test before attendance examinations. We will inform you of any adjustments in the course of the next few weeks in a timely manner.

By supplementing our hygiene concepts with self-tests, we will be able to maintain our on-campus operations as safely as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and great commitment during this challenging time for all of us.

Yours sincerely

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