COVID-19 regulations for employees as of April 3, 2022 – Employees-list-mail from Karsten Gerlof, 1 April 2022

Dear employees of the university,

On April 2, the federal state’s Ordinance on SARS-CoV-2 Infection Protection Measures expires. This removes many overarching restrictions affecting public and private life. Nevertheless, the pandemic is not over. The Corona Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance of the German Federal Ministry of Labor (BMAS) and other regulations relating to occupational safety continue to apply to the workplace. The employer must ensure a safe working environment for employees.

For good and successful teaching and research at higher education institutions, in-person cooperation between students, faculty, and researchers is indispensable. Many have sorely missed this over the past two years. For the summer semester, the university once again aims to have as high a percentage of face-to-face classes as possible. Limiting contacts to fixed groups similar to, for example, school classes, is not possible at the university. Teaching and research activities will lead to many different contacts in courses, laboratories and also in dining and residence halls. Special hygiene and distance regulations continue to apply for your workstations at the university.

A simple but very effective way to protect yourself and others from a COVID infection is to wear a mask. That is why we would like to ask you to continue to wear medical masks when you are inside the university’s buildings; we strongly recommend the use of FFP2 masks. This applies to offices, lecture halls and seminar rooms, laboratories, available workstations in the library and also in hallways, elevators, and stairwells. Inside meeting rooms or offices, the mask can be removed once you are at your desk or seat, provided that you can keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters to other people.

These and other measures are set out in the university’s hygiene concept, which is still binding for all. Its latest version is available on the COVID-19 info pages of the UP. The Hygiene Concept is to ensure safe university operations during the pandemic. However, this will only succeed with the help of all of you. Please follow all of the rules laid out in the concept as far as they pertain to your work environment.

You will receive further information as it becomes available on the UP’s COVID-19 info pages, in the category Information for employees.

Kind regards,
Karsten Gerlof