



Rector

July 1st, 2021

Measures from June 28th, 2021 and July 1st, 2021

Dear Members of the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg,

The 7-day incidence rate of COVID-19 infections as published by the RKI has now reached stable values below 10 in both the Free State of Saxony and the district of Central Saxony. This situation makes it possible for the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg to further ease up on its COVID-19 pandemic measures and return to normal operations.

After consulting the Senate, the Deans of the faculties, the Staff Council, as well as competent parties, and after discussion in the Rectorate, the following regulations are expected to be in place for the period until October 31st, 2021. Individual regulations can be found on our web page at <https://tu-freiberg.de/en/corona>.

In principle, the following applies provided the incidence rate is below 10:

1. All university buildings, the university library included, will be open for normal operations again as from **June 28th, 2021**. Visitors of the library must present an updated daily Corona test and wear a medical face mask while not sitting at the reading desk in the library. Employees of TU BAF are exempted from this regulation. More detailed regulations are available on our library's website.
2. As from **July 1st, 2021**, all employees will return to their offices for normal operations with attendance at the workplace. The priority of mobile work is revoked at the same time. The "Works Agreement on Mobile Work" dated January 10th, 2020 ("Dienstvereinbarung zur Mobilien Arbeit"), remains in effect and allows for mobile work under certain conditions in individual cases. The requirement to wear face masks no longer applies outdoors unless the current Corona Protection Ordinance of the Free State of Saxony stipulates otherwise. In enclosed spaces, the regulations of the Corona Protection Ordinance of the Free State of Saxony (<https://www.coronavirus.sachsen.de/amtliche-bekanntmachungen.html>) as well as the SARS-CoV-2 Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance of the Federal Government (https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/corona-arbschv_2021-07/Corona-ArbSchV.pdf), as amended, must also be observed. Employees of TU BAF are not required to wear face masks as long as this does not contravene superior regulations and in case a permanent distance of 1.50 m is maintained or the social distance is only interrupted for a very short time of less than 60 seconds (e.g. random encounter in traffic areas, staircases etc.)
3. Regulations for teaching and exams remain in effect. Both teaching and exams are still carried out digitally. This does not apply to internships, laboratory and technical work as well as field trips which can be carried out in physical presence. The Vice-Rectorate of Education must be notified of the relevant event stating compelling reasons by using the available form. Explicit approval is no longer required. With its resolutions of March 4th, 2021 and April 27th, 2021, the University Senate intended to ensure planning certainty for both teachers and students.
4. Meetings of multiple people are to be carried out in accordance with the applicable rules (hygiene concept). In particular, the rules for keeping distance, hygiene and ventilation as well as the requirement for a daily COVID-19 test remain unchanged. Fully vaccinated persons or those who have recovered from a COVID-19 infection may replace the mandatory COVID-19 test by a proof of vaccination or recovery. Employees of TU BAF are exempt from the requirement of COVID-19 testing. The departments will provide employees with test kits for self-performed tests, as far as they

are required according to the hygiene regulations of TU BAF and the legal or regulatory requirements. If a documentation of COVID-19 self-test shall be required by superior law, the test results must be kept by the employees and submitted to the office upon request.

5. Business travels to risk areas, high-risk areas, and high-incidence areas (according to the information provided on the designation of international risk areas by the German Foreign Office, BMG, and BMI) still require the Rector's order/approval. All other business travels must be ordered and approved as under normal condition https://intranet.tu-freiberg.de/intranet/faq-dienstreise.html#frage_25).
6. The University still makes every effort to arrange vaccination offers for all members (employees and students). Please refer to the publications on the University's website (<https://tu-freiberg.de/en/corona>).
7. The terra mineralia collections at Freudenstein Castle and Krügerhaus will reopen to the public on July 15th, 2021.
8. From July 1st, 2021, all professors are required to perform their regular duties in their premises at the university and to make up for/ resume their consultation hours and counselling meetings offered to students on-site.

This information will be updated in case the 7-day incidence (on five consecutive business days) rises above the incidence threshold value of 10.

Sincerely yours,



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