



The Rector

TU Bergakademie Freiberg · 09599 Freiberg

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Current information on the situation of the Coronavirus and implementation at TU Bergakademie Freiberg

Dear colleagues,

Dear members of the University,

Despite or especially because of the nationwide easing of measures, the prevailing high infection rates are still challenging our university. The rate of sick notes rises continuously throughout the university both in the administration and in the research and teaching units.

Based on the Federal Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance obliging employers to carry out a risk assessment and to take individual measures in order to protect employees against the risk of infection, and on the basis of Section 82 (2) of the SächsHSFG, according to which the Rector maintains order at the university and exercises domestic authority, the following regulations will apply from April 3, 2022 until further notice:

1. The Rectorate recommends that employees and students continue wearing FFP2 masks at all circulation areas of the university.
2. Students and employees are required to wear FFP2 masks in lecture halls, open-plan offices, laboratories and workshops of the university unless otherwise stipulated by occupational health and safety regulations. Lecturers in courses are exempt from the mask requirement provided they maintain a minimum distance of at least 1.50 m to the nearest participant.
3. Employees will still be provided with two self-tests per week and FFP2 masks.
4. It is not required anymore to provide a proof of vaccination, recovery or testing (3G rule) for the personal attendance at university events. However, it is still strongly recommended that you test yourself or have yourself tested with a rapid test before participating in on-site events.
5. All university buildings are open again. Please take note of the respective opening hours for the public.
6. Employees must return to their work places subject to approved mobile work in accordance with the service agreement of July 2021.

7. On the part of the employer, supervisors are advised to request that in case an employee tests positive, all his/her direct contacts should be tested on a daily basis. Also, supervisors should allow close contact persons (e.g. those sharing an office/work room, close teamwork) to continue their work remotely (mobile work) provided their work tasks allow for mobile work.
8. Again, business travels are to be approved by the supervisors under normal conditions - no more special approval is required from the Rector.

These measures are adopted to minimise the risk of infection with the Coronavirus while working or staying at the University as well as to provide protection for the health and safety of all employees and students.

The Occupational Safety and Health Department and the Human Resources Department have prepared sample risk assessments for the areas of open-plan offices (i.e. 3 persons or more), laboratories, workshops and lecture halls which may be used as a guideline in your area/unit.

The sample documents are available on our website referring to the Coronavirus and are to be adapted by each responsible person according to the prevailing conditions. Risk assessments resulting in deviations from the obligation to wear FFP2 masks must be reported to the Occupational Safety and Health Department along with justified reasons.

If you have any queries or seek further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the Occupational Safety and Health Department.

Thank you all for your support.

Sincerely yours,

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Prof. Dr. iur. Klaus-Dieter Barbknecht

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