



Dear students,

We are writing to you today to inform you in advance about the current plans of the university management for the coming winter semester.

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## 1 Vaccination recommendation and vaccination campaign

Due to the health and organisational advantages for vaccinated students, the management of DSHS Cologne strongly recommends vaccination to its students and family members. If students who have not yet been vaccinated wish to do so before the semester begins, they can do so **on 11 October 2021** as part of a **vaccination campaign** at DSHS. The vaccines used will be Johnson & Johnson and Biontech. We will provide you with more detailed information well in advance of the vaccination campaign.



## 2 Information on the organization of teaching

### 2.1 General Strategy - Attendance Winter Semester 21/22

Taking into account the new Corona Protection Ordinance for NRW (valid from 20.8.2021), the Rectorate envisages a mainly face-to-face semester in the winter semester 21/22:

- **Courses in the winter semester 2021/2022 will, on the whole, take place in attendance.**
- Deviating from this principle, **large lectures** will be held **online** throughout the winter semester (i.e. those with > 30 students admitted to the LSF).
- **Small lectures** (up to approx. 30 students admitted to the LSF) will be treated like seminars and tutorials in terms of organization and hygiene, i.e. they will also be held in presence.
- **Excursions and shadowing** can also be held in attendance in winter semester 21/22, as long as they do not violate regulations of the university management or, in the case of external events, the regulations of the respective host institution.

If students have concerns or fears about participating in an excursion or a shadowing session, it is possible to withdraw without losing the right to a later excursion place. Information on the consequences of a withdrawal (e.g. extension of the study period; possibly non-refund of fees already paid) should be obtained or given in advance.

- In the event that **presence is unacceptable** for **individual** students (e.g. in the case of a stay abroad through no fault of their own, students with disabilities/illnesses), the decision on an individual online offer for these students is made by the respective teaching staff (if necessary in consultation with the module representative and the head of the study program). Online courses can only be offered if the learning objectives of the course can also be reached in the alternative online teaching-learning form.

### 2.2 3G verification

For attendance of classroom sessions, proof in terms of the 3G rule (tested, recovered, vaccinated) is required (i.e. either vaccinated, recovered within a period of six months or tested with lateral flow test within the last 48 hours). Without proof, participation in class is not possible and the respective class session will be evaluated as a missed class. If for medical reasons neither a vaccination nor a test is possible for you, please contact the Vice-President for Studies, Teaching and Quality Management, Prof. Jens Kleinert

Procedure:

a) *Vaccinated/recovered*: According to the current status, you must present proof of complete vaccination or recovery *to your teacher* in the first class (incl. official ID). The teacher will document the presence of the vaccination/recovery. For convalescents, the positive PCR test result must be presented (a quarantine-only certificate is not sufficient). It should be noted that in the case of convalescents, immunization is credited only for 6 months. No further verification is required in subsequent classes. The verification of your convalescent status is also carried out by the teachers (no immunisation certificates are issued).

b) *Tested*: For the remaining students, the presence of a maximum 48 hour-old lateral flow test (antigen rapid test or PCR test) will be checked and documented in each class session.



### **2.3 Costs for rapid antigen tests and/or PCR tests**

For students who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, rapid antigen tests at the test centres are usually free of charge (a doctor's certificate must be presented). If problems arise in this regard, please contact the Vice-President for Studies, Teaching and Quality Management (Prof. Kleinert).

If there are no certified medical reasons that prohibit vaccination, no costs will be covered for rapid antigen tests or PCR tests.

### **2.4 Counselling for concerns or fear of vaccination**

Students or teachers who have concerns or fears about vaccination can seek medical advice. These persons should contact the outpatient clinic of the DSHS Cologne (PD Dr. Dr. Schiffer) to make an appointment.

### **2.5 Distance regulations and mask obligation**

According to the current status, social distancing is not required under the condition of a 3G (tested, recovered, vaccinated) check. At fixed seating areas and during 3-G screening, the mask may be removed. When removing from the seat and inside the buildings, masks are compulsory (medical mask). The mask may be removed during practical sports lessons if necessary.

In laboratory situations or similar teaching situations that do not permit fixed workplaces, masks are compulsory and there is no obligation to keep a distance when wearing a mask.

### **2.6 Occupancy of the halls and seminar rooms**

Due to the discontinuation of the distance regulation, classrooms (seminar rooms and lecture halls) will return to their pre-Covid occupancy (e.g. seminar rooms up to approx. 30 students)

### **2.7 Dealing with quarantine cases**

Students who are in quarantine due to a Covid 19 infection will be treated according to the usual sickness regulations (i.e. sick days count as days absent). However, teachers are asked to be accommodating as possible towards students who have Covid 19 possible (e.g. by setting substitute tasks). As things stand, contact persons who have been vaccinated and have recovered in the last 6 months will not be quarantined. However, if contact persons are quarantined through no fault of their own, lecturers are asked to be accommodating.

### **2.8 Seating arrangements and documentation**

In seminars or theoretical exercises, you will be given a fixed seat in the first lesson, which will be documented in the list of participants and must always be adhered to.



## **2.9 Allocation of free places after the 2nd LSF & deregistration phase**

The allocation of free places takes place in the first hour of the course on site. Previous e-mails to teachers should be disregarded.

In the case of unexcused absence of students in the first lesson, these places can be allocated by the teacher to interested students.

## **3 Organisation of lessons**

### **3.1 Group work**

Masks are compulsory when leaving the fixed workplace within the classrooms. This also applies to mixing up the seminar group, e.g. when forming working groups for group work. Group work outside the event room is subject to the rules of conduct applicable there (see Hygiene Concept).

### **3.2 Lab classes**

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## **4 Free practice / use of workplaces and sports facilities for self-study**

By decision of the President's Office, the following regulations apply with immediate effect:

1. Students may use the gym halls, lecture halls, seminar rooms and the swimming centre for the purpose of self-study on condition that they are vaccinated, recovered or tested in accordance with 3G regulations (3G regulations for courses).
2. Proof of vaccination, convalescence or testing must be carried and shown on request to the DSHS staff responsible for the check together with an official identification document.
3. Students who are unable to show the appropriate authorisation must leave the premises immediately. If persons are repeatedly found without proof of authorisation, they may be denied access to the halls, lecture halls, seminar rooms and the swimming centre outside of teaching and examination events for 30 calendar days. In the event of a repeated violation, access may be denied until the end of the respective semester.
4. While on the premises of the DSHS, at least one medical mask must be worn over mouth and nose at all times, unless there are exceptional circumstances which permit a person to dispense with a mask cases (in accordance with the Corona Protection Ordinance NRW in the current version).



## 5 Student workplaces

Due to the increased presence of students at the university, a large number of workplaces will be made available for online lectures that take place immediately before or after face-to-face classes.

- Lecture halls 1, 2 and 3 are generally reserved for student workplaces. As an exception, committee meetings (e.g. senate, appeal lectures) can be held in lecture hall 2 in particular. Such meeting times must be entered in LSF at least 3 days before the meeting so that students can plan accordingly.
- A large number of student workplaces are available in the Central Library. The workplaces can be booked via the ZB Sport (see information on the ZB Sport website).
- It is also planned to make the spectator stands in the North Halls available for "silent viewing" of an event. The prerequisite is that there is no disruption of the teaching process.
- Another possibility is to use the spectator seats in the Netcologne Stadium (depending on the weather).
- In the guest house (Hockey-Judo Centre), a small number of rooms are made available as work-rooms for special teaching-learning situations (e.g. for the presentation of papers, etc.).

## 6 Examinations

As of present, the regular examination regulations apply for winter semester 21/22. Exceptions (e.g. special free-shot regulations) are not planned as of yet.