

Hygiene Framework of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, dated 1 October 2020

as amended on 19 November 2021

Changes are highlighted

This Hygiene Framework is based on the Coronavirus Prevention Ordinance of North Rhine-Westphalia (*CoronaSchVO*), valid from 10 November 2021, as well as the Infectious Disease Prevention Act (*Infektionsschutzgesetz*) and the SARS-CoV-2 Work Safety Ordinance (*Corona-ArbSchV*).

Planning for and implementation of academic operations must take the ongoing coronavirus pandemic into account and make use of the many insights and experiences gathered thus far.

The updated Hygiene Framework provides both mandatory provisions and helpful guidance on how to slow and prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 effectively at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences. The Hygiene Framework is intended to *complement*, not supersede, other pandemic-related legislation currently in effect in Germany.

The upcoming winter semester 2021-22 must be implemented in a way that allows in-person teaching and examinations, but restricts the sizes of gatherings in university buildings so that social distancing and hygiene guidelines can be adhered to at all times.

Unfortunately, this means that a return to in-person operations is not possible at the moment.

1. General guidelines for preventing the spread of disease (Annex 1)

- a. **Entering university buildings requires valid proof of 3G status.** This applies to all persons defined in the provisions of the Coronavirus Prevention Ordinance. 3G documents must always be presented together with an official form of photo identification to the responsible university employee or their representative. Please follow the 3G guidelines outlined in Annex 2.
- b. Students are advised to avoid close personal contact with anyone showing typical symptoms of a SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- c. Maintain a general distance of at least 1.5 m from others.
- d. Wearing a mask outdoors on campus is not required. Medical-grade masks are required at all times inside university buildings. The following exceptions apply, provided all essential hygiene measures can be adhere to (e.g. 1.5 m distance to others, or separation by glass partition):
 - instructors giving a lecture,
 - employees at their own desk,
 - during committee sessions or other meetings, provided all participants are vaccinated or have a negative test result.

- e. General hygiene rules must be adhered to at all times, including social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing, sufficient ventilation and the use of a contact tracing app.
- f. Regular testing is recommended for vaccinated persons as well. Employees in both Kleve and Kamp-Lintfort are provided regular testing opportunities on campus.

2. Mandatory hygiene rules while at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

- a. Due to the expected numbers of students and visitors to campus, sufficient opportunities for washing and/or disinfecting hands must be provided.
- b. Cleaning schedules must be adjusted according to infection prevention guidelines.
- c. Devices should be disinfected after use.
- d. Work clothes should not be shared with others.
- e. Adhere to the guidelines for preventing the spread of disease posted near sanitary facilities and building entrances.
- f. Ventilate closed spaces regularly and often.
- g. Do not exceed room capacity (refer to Annex 3 or the posted information in every room).

3. Other rules

- a. Each area of the University is tasked with communicating and implementing these infection prevention rules for their area. In special areas (i.e. University Library, Sports and Music), custom concepts based on legal ordinances currently in affect shall apply.
- b. Unvaccinated staff members who have not been to campus for at least five days due to holiday or other reason for absence must provide an official negative test result on their first day back in the office. **Validity of tests depends on the current provisions of the Coronavirus Prevention Ordinance.** For employees working from home, this rule only applies to the first day of working on campus again.
- c. Non-compliance with any of the aforementioned rules can lead to sanctions and may represent an administrative offence according to Section 4 (2) sentence 1, in connection with Section 6, CoronaSchVO NRW.

Annex

1. Rules for conduct in a pandemic
2. Guidelines for tested, vaccinated and recovered individuals (3G policy)
3. Room capacity list