



Important Information for In-person Events during the Coronavirus Pandemic for Students, Academic Staff, and Invigilators

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When students and academic staff are physically located in the same place at the same time, this will be referred to as in-person or on-campus courses, exams, or events.

Health status

Participation in in-person events involves the confirmation (by so-called implied action; German: konkludentes Handeln) of the person that he or she

1. does not experience any symptoms compatible with COVID-19 (including, in particular, fever and dry cough) that cannot be explained otherwise,
2. has not been banned from entering the TU Braunschweig by the university governance board,
3. is not under an officially ordered quarantine,
4. is not subject to an obligation to isolate according to [Lower Saxony SARS-CoV-2 Isolation Ordinance](#), and
5. observes the current regulations of the Federal Government and the State of Lower Saxony for [persons entering and returning to](#) Lower Saxony from abroad and is not subject to a quarantine measure prescribed there.

Persons who do not meet the above criteria are not allowed to enter the university or examination buildings.

Positive test or quarantine order

A quarantine order or a positive PCR or antigen test from an approved testing centre is considered, like a medical certificate, as a reason for withdrawing from an exam (§ 11 (3) APO¹) or a compulsory in-person event (compulsory seminars or practical courses, etc.) within existing rules.

Information requirements in case of positive test or quarantine order

Students are obliged to inform Department 16 "Studium und Lehre" immediately at the e-mail address corona_meldung@tu-braunschweig.de about the following conditions:

- Positive test result of a SARS-CoV-2 test (PCR test, rapid and self-test) and
- Quarantine orders as contact persons of COVID-19 infected persons (also outside the university environment).

If COVID-19 diseases are known or reported to academic staff, Department 16 "Studium und Lehre" is also to be informed immediately at: corona_meldung@tu-braunschweig.de.

It is essential to comply with the information requirements, as the risk assessment of the other participants of in-person events rely on these. The data will be used to protect students and academic staff.

1 APO: General Part of the Examination Regulations (APO) for Bachelor's, Master's, Diplom and Magister degree programmes at the Technische Universität Braunschweig

Infection prevention measures

The most important regulations were sent out by e-mail on 01-Apr-2022. Updated documents (cf. date in the file name) can be found here:

<https://cloudstorage.tu-braunschweig.de/getlink/fi2RuhdiQ5tNKGx8RaWyJuwN/Infektionsschutzmassnahmen>

- Most important policy for in-person events: Until further notice there is a FFP2 mask mandate indoors at TU Braunschweig, also after taking the seat.

Individuals with chronic diseases

Individuals with chronic diseases where symptoms are compatible with COVID-19 must present a medical certificate in order to participate in in-person events. These chronic diseases must be reported to the teaching staff at least two working days before the course. Persons who show pronounced COVID-19 symptoms during an in-person event without having them reported previously, will be expelled from the courseroom for protecting the remaining participants. When being expelled from an exam caused by this, §11 (3) APO¹ applies in these cases (i.e. a medical certificate is needed for proper withdrawal from the exam).

Please contact vpl@tu-braunschweig.de in case you suffer from an aforementioned chronic disease. After verification of your medical certificate, you will be provided with a certificate for presentation to your lecturers.

Individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons

Individuals who cannot or cannot completely be vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 for medical reasons, must present a medical certificate stating the reason must vaccination is not possible if participation in 2G events (i.e. access for vaccinated and recovered only) is desired.

Please contact vpl@tu-braunschweig.de in case you cannot be vaccinated. After verification of your medical certificate, you will be provided with a certificate for presentation to your lecturers.

Individuals who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons

A mask mandate does not apply to individuals who cannot wear a medical face mask due to a medical condition or mental impairment or disability and can prove this by a medical certificate. Certificates must contain specific and comprehensible information as to why a mask cannot be worn. It must be clear which specific health impairments are to be expected as a result of the mask mandate and what these impairments result from in detail. The high standards for the certificate result from the TU Braunschweig's duty of care for all participants of in-person events. If individuals are present who are exempt from the mask mandate, protection measures must be adapted to avoid risks.

Please contact vpl@tu-braunschweig.de in case you wish to be exempted from the mask mandate. After verification of your medical certificate, you will be provided with a certificate for presentation to your lecturers.

Individuals at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease progression

The risk of a severe course of COVID-19 is higher in certain subpopulations, see the [information and assistance provided by the Robert Koch Institute \(only available in German\)](#).

The participation of risk groups in the course must be ensured. If a theoretical course is held in classroom, it may therefore be necessary to also offer it as an online course if persons from a risk group participate. In the case of exams in classrooms or practical courses, persons from a risk group should be assigned to rooms with the lowest possible density of persons or the risk of infection should be further reduced with other suitable measures.

Please contact ypl@tu-braunschweig.de if you belong to a risk group. After verification of your medical certificate, you will be presented with a certificate for presentation to the lecturers.

You can find all current documents on conducting courses and exams under pandemic conditions at the following link:

<https://cloudstorage.tu-braunschweig.de/getlink/fiGQpMcd5hXZCbKcBpTuJsUb/Anlagen>