



Corona Policies of Clausthal University of Technology during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic

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notice)

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Changes to the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

<u>General</u>	
Hygiene concept	The general hygiene concept of Clausthal University of Technology during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic applies.
Access to TUC buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals suffering from Covid-19, or who have tested positive for the Corona virus (self-test or PCR-test) or individuals in officially ordered quarantine are not permitted to enter university buildings.• Individuals experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 (in particular fever, sore throat, cough, muscle/limb pain and/or taste disorders) should not enter university premises and are urged to seek medical attention to rule out a corona infection.
<u>Employees</u>	
Home office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On 20.03.2022, the home office mandate expired. Therefore, the obligation to work on-site applies again.• According to the current work agreement, mobile work is possible upon request and in consultation with the supervisor for a maximum of 50% of the individual work time.
Working on-site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal contacts are to be reduced to a minimum, video conferences are to be preferred.• The existing hygiene and distance regulations still apply, especially the “AHA-L”-regulations (keep distance from other people, observe hygiene, wear a face mask, ventilate regularly).• Employees are obliged to wear face masks (medical or FFP2-/KN95-masks) until they have reached their workplace. If the minimum distances can be kept, masks can be taken off when seated.• It is recommended to use video conferencing solutions whenever possible.

<p>Business trips (Domestic/ abroad)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please avoid business trips if they are not essential. The decision of whether a business trip may still be taken falls upon the superior in charge of the business trip. • However, as a matter of principle, <u>business trips to destinations for which a travel warning has been issued by the Federal Foreign Office or which have been designated as high-risk/virus variant areas by the Robert Koch Institute are not permitted.</u> Should a travel warning be issued by the Federal Foreign Office or the destination be designated as a high-risk/virus variant area by the Robert Koch Institute after approval of a business trip has been granted, the previously granted approval is deemed revoked and the business trip thus cancelled. Employees are encouraged to inform themselves independently about travel warnings or high-risk/virus variant areas until shortly before their planned departure. • <u>Business trips to high-risk/virus variant areas are only possible under certain circumstances</u> (e.g. imminent serious negative effects to the scientific success of a project, loss of research funding, time slots which are compulsory due to the research subject or which make presence on-site inevitable) and require the prior approval of the crisis management board. • <u>For entries from international high-risk/virus variant areas</u>, quarantine and testing is obligate, please inform yourself about the currently valid entry regulations. • <u>Early termination of the quarantine obligation for entry from high-risk areas:</u> the quarantine obligation can be terminated early for fully recovered and fully vaccinated individuals by uploading the respective certificate via the upload portal of the Digital Entry Application. The quarantine ends at the time of upload. If the proof is already provided prior to entry, no quarantine is required. When uploading a negative PCR test (for non-vaccinated/recovered individuals) the quarantine ends at the earliest 5 days after entry. An earlier end to the quarantine and return to work may only be granted by testing for SARS-CoV-2 or based on vaccination status and after consultation with the crisis management board. Costs for testing will not be covered. • For entries from <u>virus variant areas</u>, a 14-day quarantine period currently applies, which is mandatory for vaccinated and recovered individuals as well. A reduced quarantine period is not possible. For further information see here. • For the period in which on-site work is not permitted, you have to work remotely or on a mobile basis, if possible. Paid leave will not be granted. • For business trips to areas in which Germany is designated as a high-risk/virus variant area and is subject to an official quarantine regulation on site, please note: During quarantine, you have to work remotely or on a mobile basis. There will be no paid leave.
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Research, studies and teaching	
3G-rules for meetings in study and teaching	For participation in meetings related to studying and teaching, the 3G regulation is waived. However, the use of self-tests for additional safety is highly recommended.
Mandatory use of masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants of courses and lectures, including exams, are obliged to wear face masks (<u>medical or FFP2-/KN95-masks</u>), including at their seats and irrespective of distance. FFP2/KN95 masks are strongly recommended
Classroom exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants of classroom exams in the winter term 2021/2022 will be required to present a current, official (rapid PoC antigen tests 24 h.; PCR-test 48 h) certificate of a negative test result. Sole exemptions from this are: Individuals who can demonstrate complete vaccination protection through 2 vaccinations and a booster vaccination. Individuals who can demonstrate full vaccine protection acquired through a combination of recovery and vaccination or vaccination and recovery Individuals who can prove a second vaccination that took place at least 14 days and not more than 90 days ago Individuals who can demonstrate recovery, with a positive test at least 28 days and no more than 90 days ago. In principle, there is no possibility of on-site testing before the start of the examination. A self-conducted quick test is not sufficient An overview of test locations in the district of Goslar can be found here.
Room occupancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For indoor events, seating arrangements that provide the most distance between individuals are preferred (e.g. several free seats or free rows of seats), but a minimum distance of 1 m and an occupancy in a checkerboard pattern should be maintained. Compliance with the minimum distance rule is waived for events, if and when the number of participants does not allow keeping minimum distance due to the room capacity limitations.
Test offers and test certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every employee is still entitled to two complimentary self-tests per week which can be picked up at the info point against submission of the Request and Declaration of consent. Facilities where colleagues have been shown to be infected with Corona will be provided with additional self-tests upon request. An overview of the rapid test stations in the district of Goslar can be found here. A self-antigen test taken under video surveillance from a test provider, is <u>inadmissible</u>.

Excursions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursions to areas for which a travel warning has been issued by the Federal Foreign Office or which have been designated as high-risk/virus variant areas by the Robert Koch Institute are prohibited. • If a travel warning is issued by the Federal Foreign Office or the destination is designated as a high-risk/virus variant area by the Robert Koch Institute before the start of the excursion, the excursion cannot take place. Individuals who are about to take part in an excursion are encouraged to inform themselves independently about travel warnings or high-risk/virus variant areas until shortly before their planned departure.
Sports	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As far as the type of sport permits, the distance requirement must be observed. • There is no mandatory use of masks during sport activities
Committee work / Work meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal contacts are to be reduced to an absolute minimum. • Video conferences are to be preferred for committee meetings, official meetings and other meetings. • Participants are obliged to wear face masks (medical or FFP2-/KN95-masks) until they have reached their workplace. If the minimum distances can be kept, masks can be taken off when seated. • If a meeting is designated as open to the University community, access for individuals must be ensured.