

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

(Valid from 08/31/2021 until further notice

As of: 10/07/2021)

Allgemeines	
Hygienic Concept	Primarily the general hygienic concept of Clausthal University of Technology during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic applies: <u>https://www.tu-clausthal.de/fileadmin/TU_Clausthal/doku-</u> <u>mente/Corona/Allgemeines_Hygienekonzept.pdf</u>
Definitions	 People are considered "vaccinated" if they can deliver proof of a complete vaccination with one or multiple vaccinations named by the Paul Ehrlich Institute (www.pei.de/impfstoffe/covid-19) if the last vaccination was at least 14 days ago. Fourteen days or more after one vaccination with a vaccine accepted by the Paul Ehrlich Institute, people who can prove by a PCR-test result that they suffered a SARS-CoV-2 infection more than six months ago are also considered "vaccinated". Individuals who are able to provide proof of prior SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection (testing by nucleic acid detection (PCR, PoC-PCR, or other nucleic acid amplification techniques) at least 28 days and no more than 6 months ago) will be considered "recovered". Individuals who are able to provide proof regarding the absence of a SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection via PCR test (valid 48 hours maximum), rapid PoC antigen tests (valid 24 hours maximum), or supervised self-testing (valid 24 hours maximum) will be considered "tested". Beyond the Corona Ordinance of Lower Saxony as amended, the 3G-rule is generally applied for meetings related to studies and teaching as well as other meetings involving people who do not work for TU Clausthal. This applies irrespective of the number of participants and the incidence / warning level. Thus, only vaccinated, recovered or tested persons may participate in a.m. meetings.
	It is strongly recommended that employees adhere to the 3G-rules for all other meetings.
	The restrictions do not apply to children who have not yet reached the age of six or are not enrolled in school yet, as well as to pupils who are regularly tested within an obligatory school testing concept.
	The obligation to provide proof falls on the participants. The proof should preferably be provided digitally. By participating in meet- ings, the participants confirm to meet the criteria of the 3G-rule.

Tracing of Contacts	 Participating in meetings without meeting the 3G-rule constitutes a regulatory offense. Appropriate adequate monitoring is compulsory. The concrete implementation is at the discretion of the responsible lecturer or the person responsible for the event, storage of health data is however not permitted. The number of participants may particularly serve as a possible indicator for the exercise of that discretion. With small events, the efforts are considered little, and thus the implementability high, weighing them against aspects like staff capacity and the timeframe (e.g. not losing actual lecture time, no delays for subsequent lectures or meetings, etc.) Should a participant's vaccination status be certain and known, a new examination might unnecessary. The measures are to be adapted at the lecturer's own discretion for larger meetings or lectures. For all (teaching) meetings and events at Clausthal University of Technology, contact tracing is carried out in accordance with § 6 para. 4 of the Corona Ordinance of Lower Saxony (QR code / contact tracing list). Work meetings are exempt from contact tracing.
Employees Working on site/ Working from home	 Working on-site is generally possible Hygienic rules have to be observed, especially when offices are used by several people (at the same time). A medical mask or FFP2 mask must be worn until the seat has been taken. All employees will be offered two complimentary rapid tests per week Working from home is still possible, if the supervisor has agreed. The establishment agreement for alternating remote work must be considered (Dienstvereinbarung zur alternierenden Telearbeitund zum mobilen Arbeiten).
Flexi-time Accounts	• Extension of the modified working time regulations until 12/31/2021. As of 01/01/2022, time credits of more than 60 hours will be capped at 60 hours (for part-time employees proportionally).
Business Trips (Domestic/Abroad)	 Business trips are permitted again but must still be reviewed by supervisors for necessity/urgency, especially with regard to incidence at the destination. However, as a matter of principle, 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 possible. If, after approval of a business trip has been granted, a travel warning is issued by the Federal Foreign Office or the destination.

	 Koch Institute, 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. Business trips to high-risk/virus variant areas are only possible in certain exceptional cases (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. For entries from international high-risk/virus variant areas that are subject to regulatory quarantine, the following has to be
	 considered additionally: If you intend to end quarantine early by a negative RT-PCR test after five days or via an antigen-rapid test after seven days, approval of the crisis team is required prior to starting working onsite. TU Clausthal will not cover the costs for the tests. For entries from international high-risk/virus variant areas that are not subject to official quarantine, please note: Working on-site is generally not possible for 10 days after entry, and the crisis management board must be notified of entry. After submitting proof of a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, resuming your work on-site is possible earlier (at the earliest five days after entry with a negative RT-PCR test or at the earliest seven days after entry with a negative antigen rapid test). Costs for the tests will be not covered by TU Clausthal. 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.
Research, Studies	
Room Occupancy	 For events in enclosed spaces, the distribution of seating should be such that the minimum distance of 1.5 m is 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. If the minimum distance rule is waived, participants are required to wear medical masks covering mouth and nose for the entire duration of the event.
COVID-19 Tests	Each employee is still entitled to two complimentary self-tests per
<mark>Test Offers</mark>	week, which can be picked up at the info point against submis- sion of the <u>Request and Declaration of Consent</u> .
	Students and lecturers, who are unable to provide proof of com- plete vaccination or proof of recovery, can use the central oppor- tunity to self-test under supervision from Monday to Friday in the Mensa (canteen). The tests will be provided by TU Clausthal on site.

	On the day of the event or lecture, students and lecturers can self-test under supervision only from 07:45 a.m. to 08:30 a.m. in the Mensa. Prior registration is not necessary. After the test, a certificate will be handed out, which can be used for the follow- ing 24 hours to participate in studies and teaching meetings at TU Clausthal. Please come to the Mensa on time and note that longer waiting pe- riods outdoors might arise. From the road, the self-test center is lo- cated behind the Mensa and well sign-posted. Last admissions for testing are at 08:30 a.m.
Excursions	 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 pro- hibited. 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 ex- cursion cannot take place. Individuals who are about to take part in an excursion are encouraged to inform themselves inde- pendently about travel warnings or high-risk/virus variant areas until shortly before their planned departure.
Sports	
	 The 3G-rule applies for the sports offers of TU Clausthal irrespective of the number of participants and the incidence / warning level. Outdoor and indoor courses can generally be offered in compliance with the above-mentioned general regulations. If permitted by the type of sport, distance requirements must be observed. There is no obligation to wear masks during any sports activities.
University Library	
	 Designated workstations may be used in accordance with the UB hygienic concept. Contact data will be recorded.
PC-Pools	
	 PC-workstations/PC-pools may be used in accordance with the hygienic concept (<u>https://www.rz.tu-claust-hal.de/fuer-studenten/pools-software/pc-pools</u>). A PC reservation and contact tracing system is in place and must be used.
Committee Work	/ Work Meetings
	 Committee meetings can be conducted in person and in compliance with the hygiene concept, in particular the distance regulations.

• If attendance of members of the university who are not committee members is stipulated, access has to be guaranteed.
This is to be considered in the respective hygienic concept.