



Information: University life from 2 July 2020

Dear colleagues,

Since the districts of Linz, Linz-Land, Urfahr-Umgebung, Wels-Stadt and Wels-Land have been seeing a rise in COVID-19 infections, we must exercise great caution at our university as well. In order to protect university members, to contain the risk of infection, and to be able to inform contact persons in suspected cases, we are taking back some relaxations – without interrupting operations.

Particularly, we are restoring past June's access regulations and the mandatory wearing of mouth and nose protection.

We are hoping for a quick improvement of the situation so there will be no need for further restrictions.

Most of all, we wish you a healthy start to the summer.

Kind regards,
Brigitte Hütter
Rector

Below you can find an updated overview of current regulations for your information:

- **Distancing and hygiene regulations**

Please follow the distancing and hygiene regulations. (Wash hands regularly, disinfect surfaces, ventilate rooms, keep a safe distance, keep doors open etc.)

- **Mandatory mouth and nose protection**

You are required to wear mouth and nose protection in all university buildings. If you are alone in your office room, you may take off your face mask.

- **Classes**

From 29.06.2020 to 24.07.2020 and from 07.09.2020 to 30.09.2020, classes which cannot be held remotely can take place as face-to-face sessions - on a small scale. All classes and examinations taking place during the summer months require the wearing of mouth and nose protection - no exceptions. Attendance is limited to 12 participants. Classroom size must be sufficient for the number of participants. The maximum number of persons allowed in a room is displayed on each respective door. You are strictly required to follow these regulations.

- **Examinations**

For the entire semester, all examinations should be held via video conferencing. Please consult the [relevant newsletter](#) (only in german) stating the conditions for oral examinations.

If an oral examination is not possible: Since 15 June 2020, personally attended examinations are allowed in exceptional cases – if they take place in sufficiently large rooms and no more than 8 persons attend.

The maximum number of 8 attendants (in a sufficiently large room) also applies to admission examinations.

From Monday, 27.07.2020, until Friday, 04.09.2020, there should be no examinations.

All provisions concerning distance learning and examinations via video conferencing remain in effect until 30 September 2020 and may only be extended if coronavirus infection numbers start to increase again.

- **Workshops, labs and studios (with management staff, [list as PDF](#))**

Max. 3 students may use a workshop at the same time, provided the room is larger than 40 m². Maximum number for workshops comprising 60 m² or more is 5.

You must sign in and out at university reception.

You are required to wear mouth and nose protection in the workshops, labs and studios at all times.

- **Studios and workspaces for students (without management staff)**

Max. 3 students may use a studio or work room without prior reservation, provided the room is larger than 40 m². Maximum number for rooms comprising 60 m² or more is 5.

You are required to sign in and out at university reception.

The maximum number of persons allowed in a room is displayed on each respective door. You are strictly required to follow these regulations.

- **Library**

Library services are available to students and lecturers. Please find relevant regulations here:

<https://www.ufg.at/index.php?id=17324>

- **University administration**

Employees belonging to an at-risk group are permitted to work from home.

Due to a rise in COVID-19 infections, the districts of Linz, Linz-Land, Urfahr-Umgebung, Wels-Stadt and Wels-Land have closed schools and childcare facilities for one week. Employees with childcare responsibilities in these districts are permitted to (fully or partially) work from home during this last week of school. In this case, please contact the HR department and send details regarding your children (name and place of the closed facility) or coordinate with your direct supervisor.

- **Controlled admission to university buildings**

Students may access university buildings Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 17.00. They must have left the premises by 17.00. Due to the increasing rate of infections, weekend access is not possible.

Access does not require prior appointment anymore.

You can access the buildings through the reception areas at Hauptplatz 6, Hauptplatz 8 or the WHA gallery. All other entrances are closed. Anyone entering or leaving university buildings (except university staff) must use the attendance sheet at reception to sign and out.

General hygiene measures continue to apply. (Wash hands regularly, disinfect surfaces, ventilate rooms, keep a safe distance, keep doors open etc.)

As a rule, meetings should continue to be held via video conferencing or telephone. Personal meetings still require prior appointment. These regulations may be relaxed in exceptional, duly justified cases only – in compliance with general hygiene measures and keeping of a safe distance.

Please ensure appropriate group size in case of gatherings - follow general hygiene measures and keep the required distance.