

Hygiene concept Nürtingen-Geislingen University

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1. Introduction

As of April 2, 2022, most Corona pandemic control measures will no longer apply. As a result, mask-wearing is no longer mandatory and 3G checks will no longer be conducted. However, the virus is still present and many members of the university are concerned about their health. The hygiene concept is intended to ensure that it is possible to run a semester in attendance. This requires from all of us consideration, responsibility and the will to contribute to the necessary safety for all.

2. Access restriction

University members as well as visitors are asked not to enter the university if typical symptoms of an infection with the coronavirus, such as smell and taste disturbances, fever, cough as well as sore throat, exist. In such a case, you will be asked to undergo testing for coronavirus. If quarantine is not required, you will be urged to wear a medical mask or respirator.

By entering the university/participating in the event, each person declares that the above reasons for exclusion do not exist.

3. Hand hygiene

In the notices and announcements of the rectorate, regular hand hygiene before entering the premises or before taking a seat, before and after breaks, as well as when using the toilet is pointed out.

Adequate hand hygiene is achieved by:

- 1) Washing facilities in the washrooms with wash lotion - instructions in the sink area for hand washing are posted.
- 2) Hand sanitizer dispensers in building entrance areas.
- 3) If needed, additional hand sanitizer dispensers in event rooms.

Regular checks of the wash lotion and hand sanitizer dispensers are included in the work schedule of the cleaning staff and janitors. E-mail addresses for reporting empty or defective dispensers are posted on the dispensers.

4. Further personal hygiene rules

Further, personal behavioral measures shall be maintained to counteract the spread of the coronavirus. These can also be found on bulletin boards and announcements from the Rector's Office. These include:

- 1) Refraining from shaking hands when greeting each other.
- 2) Refraining from physical contact, except for first aid.
- 3) Observance of cough and sneeze etiquette.

5. Cleaning of surfaces and objects

Sanitary facilities are cleaned once a day with commercially available cleaning agents. Containers with wipes soaked in surface disinfectant are available in the lecture halls, seminar rooms and other teaching rooms, as well as at the vending machines, so that the participants can disinfect their work area or the operating surface of the vending machines themselves. The work program of the janitors includes the stocking and distribution of these containers. E-mail addresses for reporting empty or defective containers are attached to the containers.

6. Ventilation

In order to prevent increased concentrations of aerosols in the air due to exhalation and talking, the rooms must be ventilated regularly.

Ventilation requirements are as follows:

1) In all rooms that are not connected to a ventilation system, the following applies:

- At least 5 minutes of ventilation at the start of work,
- observance of a ventilation interval of 20 minutes,
- at least 5 minutes of shock ventilation,
- continuous ventilation if weather or climatic conditions permit, and
- Ventilation with wide open windows.

The implementation is carried out by the people who are in the rooms.

2) Rooms that are connected to a ventilation and air-conditioning system, i.e. designated lecture halls, toilet rooms, technical rooms, etc., do not require additional ventilation through the windows. All ventilation and air-conditioning (VAC) systems of the university lead the exhaust air outside and draw in fresh air. This air is preheated and flows into the rooms. There is no VAC system that operates in recirculation mode.

Toilet rooms that are not connected to a ventilation system (e.g. Ba37, Ba62, CI 11, CA 1, Hofgut Tachenhausen and others) are ventilated daily by the janitors or the employees on site. The janitors' work schedule includes opening windows on a workday basis.

7. Medical masks and respiratory masks

It is requested to continue wearing a medical mask or respirator indoors, especially if a minimum distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained. There may be various reasons why a mask is worn or not worn. In any case, however, consideration and understanding among each other is requested.

8. Distance regulations and occupancy restrictions

Maintaining a minimum distance of 1.5 m is generally recommended on university premises.

9. Entry into force

This hygiene concept comes into force on April 3, 2022. At the same time, the hygiene concept of March 23, 2022, as well as the hygiene concepts for examinations and for oral examinations and colloquia for the Nürtingen and Geislingen sites of January 26, 2022, shall expire.