Protection against infection concept | general regulations to protect against new infections dated 29 September 2021*

- Adhere to **social distancing** regulations wherever possible

- If the incidence rate is above 35: access to buildings/participation in events is only for students who are vaccinated, recovered or tested (3G rule); PCR test certificates (48 hrs) or POC test certificates (24 hrs); the university is obliged to check vaccination certificates, certificates of recovery or test certificates presented. Anyone who breaches the 3G rule is committing a finable offence and must expect charges to be filed!

- Ensure regular and adequate ventilation in accordance with the ventilation concept in closed rooms

- No entry for those displaying symptoms which could indicate a COVID-19 illness or for those obliged to stay in quarantine at home

- Mandatory masks (surgical masks) on university grounds in the buildings and closed rooms. Face masks only have to be worn at your desk or seat where it is not possible to observe social distancing and there are no individual protective measures.

- **Hygiene measures**

  - Hände sorgfältig waschen
  - Hände vom Gesicht fernhalten
  - In den Ärmel Husten und Niesen
  - Regelmäßiges Lüften

The general regulations serve to implement

- the Bavarian Infection Protection Measures Regulations (BayIfSMV),
- the Framework Concept for Universities (announcement by the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts in agreement with the Bavarian State Ministry of Health and Care dated 21 September 2021) as well as
- the SARS-CoV-2 standard of occupational safety by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Unless otherwise provided for, the regulations apply to the entire university operations and all events, regardless of the site, as well as to all members of and visitors to the TH Rosenheim. The special hygiene concepts related to the “Health” Faculty remain unaffected.

**Social distancing**

All university members and guests are required to maintain a social distance of 1.5 m to each other. Where it is not possible to maintain social distancing (e.g. through organisational working measures), alternative protective measures should be taken, such as transparent dividing walls (e.g. perspex) for contact with the public (e.g. at information desks and lending counters).

**Mandatory face masks**

Wearing a face mask (surgical mask) is mandatory inside all buildings and closed rooms. Face masks do not have to be worn at fixed seats, standing places or desks as long as the minimum social distance of 1.5 m to other people is reliably maintained. This particularly applies to lectures and examinations, too.
Domiciliary rights /authority

Teachers are responsible for adherence to protective regulations in lecture rooms/labs; domiciliary rights /authority are therefore transferred to them.

3G rule | scope of validity of the 3G rule

If the 7-day incidence rate exceeds 35 at a particular location, admission to the university (to buildings and other closed rooms) may only be permitted for people who have been vaccinated, recovered or tested (3G rule) within the meaning of Section 2 No. 2, 4, 6 of the SchAusnahmV (protective measures exception regulation). The 3G rule applies to attendance events with more than 1,000 people regardless of the 7-day incidence rate.

The 3G rule applies to anyone entering university buildings, especially for:
• participating in teaching events (lectures, exercises, practical teaching events, etc.),
• spending time in the library,
• office visits (e.g. Student Services, Student Advisory Office, office hours)

The 3G rule does not apply to:
• examinations,
• any necessary professional activities for university operations or conducting events (esp. employees, teaching staff, external committee members). External staff / employees from external companies must sign in at the main gate.
3G rule | checks, responsible areas, consequences of non-adherence

The university is obliged to check adherence to the 3G rule. A security service will be organised by the university for this purpose to stand at building entrances (there will usually only be one entrance per building) and conduct random spot checks on entry. Participants at events should plan in sufficient extra time for this. All people subject to the 3G rule are obliged to show the security staff their relevant vaccination, recovery or test certificates upon request. University members must carry their chip card / guest card or another form of evidence with them.

The security service is responsible for checking adherence to the 3G rule, not the teaching staff.

In the case of field trips and events that are off university premises, the appointed teaching staff is responsible for conducting the checks. Checks at all other events which are not teaching events are the responsibility of the person in charge of the event.

Anyone discovered without the relevant proof of 3G status will not be permitted to enter. Domiciliary rights /authority are therefore transferred to the appointed staff. We would like to point out that entering buildings/rooms without evidence of 3G status is an offence which is usually punishable with a fine.
3G rule | testing requirements

Within the 3G rule, tested individuals must provide a written or electronic negative test result concerning an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 on the basis of

- a PCR test, PoC-PCR test or a test using other methods of nucleic acid amplification techniques, which was carried out a maximum of 48 hours previously, or

- a PoC antigen test which was carried out a maximum of 24 hours previously.

These tests are free for students until 30.11.2021. This does not apply to participants in certification courses who do not have student status.

Students who have been vaccinated with a vaccine that is not on the list by the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut online at http://www.pei.de/impfstoffe/covid-19 are entitled to free PoC antigen tests until 31.12.2021.

Testing concept / testing opportunities for students:

Supervised antigen tests to test yourself (self-administered tests) will not be accepted.

Room occupancy

According to the 14th BayIfSMV, there is no more obligatory social distancing in event rooms (especially lecture halls, seminar rooms, labs). However, masks must be worn if the minimum social distance of 1.5 m is not adhered to. At the TH Rosenheim, rooms for events organised by the central scheduling department will generally be occupied without social distancing.
For all other rooms/labs, the responsible member of teaching staff decides whether the room
• should be occupied with social distancing of 1.5 m (no mandatory masks) or
• without social distancing (mandatory masks).

**Examinations**

There must generally be social distancing of 1.5 m for examinations. The formulation of organisational and legal examination conditions will be determined during the semester, depending on the infection rates and legal requirements.

**Ventilation concept**

Rooms in which people spend time must be aired as often as possible. Rooms equipped with RLT ventilation systems will be managed and set up by the FM department (operation with the maximum possible amount of fresh outdoor air). When airing the rooms by opening windows, always try to cross ventilate. Ensure several breaks to air the rooms. If several people are spending longer periods in a room (e.g. meetings, committee meetings), please use the largest rooms possible. All rooms which are aired by opening the windows should be fully aired through immediately before starting the session and then every 20 minutes for several minutes by opening the windows completely.

The ventilation concept and associated room list with room classification for the TH Rosenheim sites: https://th-rosenheim.agu-hochschulen.de/aktuelles/aktuelles-beitrag?tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=10&cHash=543fa8e08b59cba0829c12ad0926a350
Cleaning concept

Workstations which are used by several people in rapid succession (especially for face-to-face teaching events and exams) and sanitary facilities will be cleaned daily.

Sick people and suspected cases

The following people may not enter university premises or participate in events:
- those displaying symptoms which could indicate a COVID-19 infection, such as respiratory symptoms of any degree of severity, unspecific general symptoms and a loss of taste or smell,
- people who are obliged to quarantine (in particular in the event of a positive test result).

Recording contact details

All participants at face-to-face lectures are obliged to document their attendance via the Learning Campus, so that chains of infection can be traced.

Meetings

Work-related gatherings (meetings, professorial appointment presentations, committee meetings, etc.) are to be conducted via telephone/video conference wherever possible. If this is not possible or practical, other suitable protective measures must be taken to provide the same level of protection for employees, in particular through ventilation measures and with as much distance between participants as possible. Face masks must be worn in a meeting room if at least 1.5 metres social distance cannot be maintained between individuals.
Special protective measures for employees / working from home

On-site work and working from home are to be conducted according to the individual University Management / occupational law provisions ([https://www.th-rosenheim.de/intranet/abteilungen/personal/aktuelle-informationen/](https://www.th-rosenheim.de/intranet/abteilungen/personal/aktuelle-informationen/) and [https://th-rosenheim.agu-hochschulen.de/aktuelles](https://th-rosenheim.agu-hochschulen.de/aktuelles)) and after consultation with the superior. The necessary work on site is to be organised in such a way that there is sufficient social distancing or individual protective options. Regular ventilation according to the ventilation concept must be ensured.

Testing concept for employees and teachers
[https://www.th-rosenheim.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Info_Testkonzept_Beschaeftigte_THRO_Sand_03.05.21.pdf](https://www.th-rosenheim.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Info_Testkonzept_Beschaeftigte_THRO_Sand_03.05.21.pdf)

General contact with the public

Contact with the public which is unnecessary for attendance mode must be reduced as much as possible. Contact with the public should be made via telephone or electronic communication wherever possible.

Field trips
- 3G rule for all participants during the entire duration of the field trip
- Not permitted in countries/regions which have an increased risk of infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (virus mutation regions or high-risk regions); the decisive factor here is the current RKI publication on the travel days.
- Participants are themselves responsible for adhering to official hygiene regulations when travelling to and from the location or staying overnight.
- Only visit facilities/companies which can present an appropriate hygiene concept; the head of the field trip must check this.
Business trips

- Business trips are to be conducted in accordance with the 3G rule. The applicant must assure, in the application, that he or she will adhere to the 3G rule throughout the duration of the business trip. Proof of the test result can also be provided with a self-administered antigen test conducted by the employee. Violations of the 3G rule can result in disciplinary actions.

- Business trips abroad are only to be approved if they are absolutely necessary. The superior decides if this is the case. Wherever possible, video or telephone conference systems should be used. Where this is not possible/appropriate, the usual approval procedure must be carried out.

- Business trips are not permitted to countries/regions which have an increased risk of infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (virus mutation regions or high-risk regions); the decisive factor here is the current RKI publication on the travel days.

- The minimum social distance must be adhered to when sharing vehicles on business trips. If this is not feasible, the passengers who cannot maintain the social distance must wear a mask without an exhalation valve when in the car.

The library

- Admission is only possible for students / visitors who are vaccinated, recovered or tested (3G rule).

- Supplementary information here: https://www.th-rosenheim.de/die-hochschule/einrichtungen/bibliothek/

University canteen

- The 3G rule applies for eating on site inside

- Supplementary information here: https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/mensa/
University sports

• Permitted under special consideration of the specifications in the framework concept for sport - joint announcement by the Bavarian State Ministries of the Interior, Sport and Integration and Health and Care dated 10 June 2021.

Music at the university

• Permitted under special consideration of the specifications in the framework concept for rehearsals in amateur music and amateur theatre - joint announcement by the Bavarian State Ministries of Science and the Arts and Health and Care dated 13 September 2021.

Conferences, conventions and similar events

• Permitted under special consideration of the specifications in the framework concept for conferences, conventions and similar events - joint announcement by the Bavarian State Ministries of the Economy, State Development and Energy and Health and Care dated 19 June 2021.

Measures for risk groups

People who are medically certified as belonging to a higher risk group of severe COVID-19 progression according to the definition by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) should contact the HR department (staff) or the head of the degree programme (students).

The protection against infection concept comes into force by resolution of the University Board on 29.09.2021.