



KU Infection Prevention Concept

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Preliminary remark

In view of the corona pandemic, this Infection Prevention Concept shall regulate University operations at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt. This Concept is based on a framework concept jointly coordinated by the Bavarian higher education institutions and the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts to regulate university operations in the 2022 summer semester.

The following hygiene measures and provisions for virus infection prevention must be adhered to on KU premises. The KU reserves the right to expel persons who do not comply with these regulations from the room or building or to take disciplinary action in case of non-compliance within the framework of its domiciliary right.

1. Exclusion from participation and entry

Generally, the following persons may not enter any KU building:

- a) persons suffering from symptoms characteristic of a coronavirus infection (troubled breathing, coughing, fever, loss of sense of smell or taste),
- b) persons currently in quarantine or
- c) persons who have tested positive for the coronavirus.

Persons who start having symptoms characteristic of a coronavirus infection whilst on campus must immediately leave KU premises and get tested. If then tested positive for the coronavirus, these persons must inform the KU Health Management Department immediately (gesundheit@ku.de).

2. What to do if you have tested positive for the coronavirus

Students who tested positive for the coronavirus are asked to inform those lecturers whose on-campus classes they have recently attended. This includes all courses held in the seven days prior to the student's first symptoms or prior to the student's positive test result. Please also inform your general practitioner, the public health office or the *Ärztliche Bereitschaftsdienst* and start quarantine immediately. According to current regulations, quarantine may be ended after five days, if you do not have any symptoms and your antigen test is negative.

Employees who have tested positive for the coronavirus must inform the HR Department as soon as possible. To do so, please send an e-mail to krankmeldungen@ku.de and also inform your supervisor. Please also inform your general practitioner, the public health office or the *Ärztliche Bereitschaftsdienst* and start quarantine immediately. According to current regulations, quarantine may be ended after five days, if you do not have any symptoms and your antigen test is negative. Employees who have got a doctor's certificate due to their symptoms must also send this certificate to the HR Department. Employees currently in quarantine but fit to work will work from home. If the nature of their work does not allow for working from home, the employee in question will be temporarily released from work in agreement with the supervisor and Chancellor.

3. **What to do if you have been in contact with an infected person**

KU members who have had close contact to a person who has tested positive for the coronavirus, should immediately test or get tested and repeat testing in the following days. As a rule, if employees do not have to enter quarantine they must continue to work. However, the KU recommends that contact persons restrict their activities on campus as far as possible – for example by attending hybrid events online, by holding work meetings online via Zoom or by temporarily working from home (after agreeing on such measures with their supervisor and only if fulfilling their professional duties from home is possible).

4. **Recommendation for wearing a face mask**

a) Wearing a face mask covering mouth and nose in KU buildings is not mandatory. The KU still strongly recommends wearing a face mask to protect yourself and others. A simple surgical mask or cloth mask primarily protects others from droplet infection. Wearing an FFP2 mask additionally protects yourself, as it filters the air you breathe. The KU appeals to everyone to act responsibly, in particular to protect vulnerable groups of people around you.

b) The KU particularly recommends wearing a face mask during courses with a large number of participants or in confined spaces and much-frequented areas. The KU asks everyone to still bring a face mask on campus so that it can be used flexibly when needed.

5. **Hygiene**

All individuals are requested to wash their hands regularly and observe coughing and sneezing etiquette (coughing and sneezing only into the crook of the arm) to reduce the risk of infection.

The University will ensure that there are sufficient opportunities for hand washing or hand disinfection, depending on the room conditions and the expected number of people. In sanitary areas, cleaning material and disposable towels must be provided in sufficient quantities.

6. **Regular testing**

KU students and employees are urgently asked to test in regular intervals – in particular before attending on-campus courses or committee and work meetings.

The KU continues to provide every employee working on campus with two self-testing kits per week. Please take the tests before coming on campus. Self- testing kits can be ordered by e-mail to gesundheit@ku.de

7. **Ventilate rooms regularly**

University rooms have to be aired in regular intervals by the people using the room. More details on airing and ventilating are stipulated in the separate **ventilation concept** or on notices in the rooms.

8. **Information for pregnant and breastfeeding women**

All professional contacts must be considered in protecting a pregnant KU employee or student, even if persons who have contact with the pregnant women are wearing a mask, are vaccinated, recovered or tested. It cannot be safely assumed that these individuals no longer pose a risk of infection. Therefore, additional appropriate protective measures must be taken when in contact with pregnant women.

An operational employment ban is required for pregnant KU employees and students if the employee/student is or may be exposed to a higher risk of infection at the workplace or in their professional activities than the general population. They may only continue their professional activities if a risk of infection has been largely excluded by the protective measures taken on the basis of an appropriate risk assessment.

The currently applicable general infection prevention and control measures in private and public spaces must be appropriately implemented at the workplace of a pregnant employee, adapted to the operational conditions at the KU. This means that the general infection prevention and control measures do not have to be adopted one-to-one in the operational context, but the operationally defined measures must ensure an equal level of protection. This must be documented in the risk assessment.

In general, the KU is obliged to release a woman from work for breastfeeding outside the University (if no suitable infection-protected room for breastfeeding is available), if a coronavirus disease occurs in the organization, as well as in a facility of the organization with permanently increased risk of infection for the child compared to the general population.

The extent to which a pregnant woman can be employed in compliance with the requirements for maternity protection and the hygiene regulations currently in force must be determined on the basis of the risk assessment, taking into account the regional or local epidemic situation and the individual case. The same applies for lifting an already existing employment ban due to the epidemic situation.

Please seek advice on this from the Occupational Safety Department (Mr. Jens Herdegen).