# Hygiene and infection control concept of TU Darmstadt for SARS-CoV-2

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1 Introduction

The current Hygiene and infection control concept mainly contains definitions, explanations and references to various webpages which inform in great detail about the regulations and their respective amendments. This method has become necessary to keep up with the rapidly changing governmental guidelines and to respond to them in a flexible manner. Therefore, we ask all members of TU Darmstadt to visit this webpage of TU Darmstadt regularly and to stay up-to-date and well informed regarding the currently applicable regulations.

This Hygiene and infection control concept applies to all members of TU Darmstadt across the entire area of the university including premises rented or leased by TU Darmstadt. It does not apply to those organisational units with which separate agreements have been negotiated (such as tenancy agreements for premises of TU Darmstadt). It also applies to all non-TU members who are frequenting TU Darmstadt premises as guests or as employees of contractors working at TU Darmstadt.

Assessing risks for employees and staff at their respective workplaces in order to identify and implement the necessary protective countermeasures is a key requirement of Section 5 Arbeitsschutzgesetz (ArbSchG – Safety and Health at Work Act). Superiors must produce risk assessments for every single workplace and must update them should there be substantial changes in work conditions. For this reason, Addendum 1 (www.tu-darmstadt.de/corona-schutzregeln) of the Hygiene and infection control concept includes the risk assessment “Setting up a workplace with regard to the coronavirus pandemic” for your convenience. In this risk assessment addendum, pandemic-specific risks and their corresponding protective countermeasures have been added to the already existing risk assessment. Superiors must complete this risk assessment form and implement the respective protective countermeasures. Please note that a special risk assessment under pandemic conditions applies to expectant mothers. For more information, please refer to the Directorate VII webpage: https://www.intern.tu-darmstadt.de/verwaltung/dez_vii/info_a_z_vii/mutterschutz.de.jsp

If you have questions regarding the coronavirus pandemic, please feel free to contact the Health at TU Darmstadt support team by email (gesundheit@tu-darmstadt.de).

Darmstadt, 24 February 2022
The President of TU Darmstadt
2 General rules of hygiene and infection control

2.1 General measures and synoptic table (AHA+L)

Keep a minimum distance of 1.5 m (4-5 steps) to all people around you at all times. Anyone experiencing symptoms of an illness such as cough, cold or fever is asked to stay at home and not to come to TU Darmstadt. Observe the general hygiene rules such as the cough and sneeze etiquette or washing your hands regularly. Please ventilate the rooms you are using thoroughly and regularly. Self-test regularly using the self-test kits provided. Every organisational unit (such as departments, institutes, research groups, central services etc.) is independently responsible for providing the required material. To this end, place your orders centrally via the Directorate III using this email address: dez-3-z@sv.tu-darmstadt.de.

For the various organisational units of TU Darmstadt, additional hygiene and infection control measures have been compiled in a synoptic table in Addendum 2 of this Hygiene and infection control concept. These measures are being constantly updated and can be read here: www.tu-darmstadt.de/corona-schutzregeln

Apart from the concluding measures described here, there are no further hygiene restrictions for working and studying at TU Darmstadt.

2.2 Masks

If “mask” is ticked off in the synoptic table without any further specification, either a medical face masks (surgical mask) or an FFP2 mask must be worn. In many situations, such as courses, speakers, such as lecturers etc., are exempted from the obligation to wear masks. This is noted in the Comments column of the synoptic table in Addendum 2.

2.3 3G principle (vaccinated, recovered or tested)

Wherever the synoptic table indicates “3G” as a requirement, one of these negative proofs must be presented digitally or in printed form:
- proof of being fully vaccinated
- proof of having recovered
- a negative PCR test result no older than 48 hours
- a negative, certified rapid test result no older than 24 hours

2.4 2G principle (vaccinated or recovered)

Wherever the synoptic table indicates “2G” as a requirement, either proof of being fully vaccinated or having fully recovered must be presented digitally or in printed form.

2.5 Negative proof based on 2G+

There are some combinations of negative proof which fulfil the 2G+ criterion. These criteria are visualised in a graphic in Addendum 2.
2.6 Hygiene concepts

Wherever the synoptic table in Addendum 2 indicates a hygiene concept as a requirement, a special hygiene concept for specific areas or situations is required. This additional hygiene concept complements the overall Hygiene and infection control concept of TU Darmstadt describing additional regulations and their implementation as necessary. For events, you can download a template here:
https://www.intern.tu-darmstadt.de/verwaltung/dez_iv/veranstaltungsmanagement/index.de.jsp

Send your hygiene concepts for events to the Event Management team (veranstaltungen@zv.tu-darmstadt.de) for checking and approval. Should other hygiene concepts be required, the Health at TU Darmstadt support team (gesundheit@tu-darmstadt.de) will check and approve them. Should other alternative measures become necessary for organisational reasons, such as areas that are frequented regularly and extensively by others, or at specific workplaces, such as in laboratories and on shop floors, a hygiene concept is required to be checked and approved by the Health at TU Darmstadt support team (gesundheit@tu-darmstadt.de).

3 Special hygiene measures

3.1 Obligation to notify and contact tracing

Persons who have tested positively must notify the Health at TU Darmstadt support team (gesundheit@tu-darmstadt.de) as soon as possible. The Health at TU Darmstadt support team acknowledges these notifications and evaluates them. Centralised contact tracing is not done by the Health at TU Darmstadt support team. Infected persons must also inform their respective superiors and together possible contact persons.

We have compiled instructions on how to notify in case of infection and instructions for 1st degree contact persons here:
www.tu-darmstadt.de/corona-leitfaden

For infected persons and 1st degree contact persons, there is an offer for consultation with the Health at TU Darmstadt support team (gesundheit@tu-darmstadt.de).

3.2 Returning from a trip

The CoronaEinreiseV (Coronavirus-Einreiseverordnung – Coronavirus Entry Ordinance) regulates nationally what travellers returning to Germany have to do particularly regarding possible quarantine and self-isolation requirements. For more information, please visit this website:
https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/service/gesetze-und-verordnungen/guv-19-lp/coronaeinreisev.html

A current list indicating areas of virus variants and of high risk is provided by the Robert Koch Institute:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html