Traffic light status red

1. Corona traffic light system

Infection numbers are so high that only distance teaching and home-work is possible.

2. Accessing and staying in university buildings

Generally, **employees (teaching, art appreciation, research, administration)** can access university buildings using their access cards. However, they require permission by Vice Rector Erik Aigner (erik.aigner@ufg.at).

- Access requests can still be sent daily.
- With the access permission, you will also receive a certificate stating that you are required to travel to the university building during curfew.
- You are required to wear mouth and nose protection and keep a minimum safety distance of 2 metres in all hallways, meeting areas etc. The same applies if more than one person is staying in a room.

Students can request access for a) the collection of materials and unfinished projects or b) unpostponable work in a workshop or studio which is necessary for securing unfinished projects or c) work on a final project (erik.aigner@ufg.at).

- Access requests can be sent daily, even during semester holidays. Upon approval, you may access university buildings Mon-Fri from 09:00 to 17:00.
- With the access permission, you will also receive a certificate stating that you are required to travel to the university building during curfew.
- You are required to wear mouth and nose protection and keep a minimum safety distance of 2 metres in all hallways, meeting areas etc. The same applies if more than one person is staying in a room.

3. Classes

All classes continue to be held via distance teaching until the end of the winter semester.

4. Examinations

According to the current situation, the traffic light status will most likely remain red until the end of this term's lecture period. Hence, the following rules apply: All examinations scheduled until the end of January 2021 – including final examinations – will be held remotely (online). Depending on the pandemic situation, students may use university rooms. In case an online examination is not possible, it must be determined if postponement to the summer term 2021 is feasible (extension period until 30 April 2021).

Only if this option is not feasible either, a personally attended examination may be held – provided that all parties involved agree. If there is no agreement, the examination must be held online. Concerning board examinations, the majority of board members must agree to a personally attended examination. Absent examination board members may join the examination online.

If any personally attended examinations take place, they must be held in strict compliance with hygiene regulations. Furthermore, the **university recommends voluntary antigen testing** before the examination.

5. Research

University operations relating to research as well as advancement and appreciation of the arts switch to home-work as far as possible. If not possible, you may contact Erik Aigner to apply for working in a university building (erik.eigner@ufg.at). In any case, working hours at university must be reduced to a minimum – in strict compliance with hygiene and distancing regulations.

6. Library

Books can be collected at the entrance. Advance reservation is required.

7. Events

Events are cancelled or take place digitally.

8. Mobilities

Excursions are not permitted.

9. Administration staff

Administration remain in **home-work mode until 28 February 2021** as far as responsibilities allow. If telework is not possible and you are not on official holiday leave (e.g. essential infrastructure work), you are strictly required to follow all hygiene and distancing regulations. The same applies for key employees. In any case, home-work must be arranged in consultation with your supervisor.

Personal service hours are not possible.

10. At-risk groups and persons with care responsibilities

At-risk groups are defined here: https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/BgblAuth/BGBLA_2020_II_203/BGBLA_2020_II_203. html.

A medical certificate must be submitted.

Please notify us about your care responsibilities so we can find regulations for each traffic light phase.

11. Instructions for (suspected) cases of infection

If symptoms occur at university:

- Patient calls 1450
- If severe symptoms occur (difficulty in breathing, high fever,...), the patient or an immediate contact person calls 144.
- Inform the rectorate (Ms. Grogger: 0732 7898 2220, daniela.grogger@ufg.at).
- Isolate the patient immediately, give them mouth and nose protection, disinfect hands (use disinfectants or wash hands with soap).
- Follow medical instructions (given by doctor/health authorities).

If symptoms occur at home:

- Contact the AGES coronavirus hotline (0800 555 621) for general questions.
- Patient calls 1450 in a suspected case of infection.
- If severe symptoms occur (difficulty in breathing, high fever,...), the patient or an immediate contact person calls 144.
- Patient informs university (Ms. Grogger: 0732 7898 2220, daniela.grogger@ufg.at).
- Patient self-isolates, makes a list of all recent personal contacts (if possible, including phone numbers and addresses).
- Follow medical instructions (given by doctor/health authorities).

Confirmation of a coronavirus infection:

If an infection has been confirmed:

- Patient informs university (Ms. Grogger: 0732 7898 2220, daniela.grogger@ufg.at). In severe cases, municipal or state health authorities inform the university.
- Follow official instructions (municipal or state health authorities).

Questions on COVID-19 regulatory issues should be sent via e-mail to

krisenstab@lists.ufg.at.