

## Coronavirus Update | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Dear Students,

so far, our exams are running smoothly. Due to the improved COVID-situation, the following new rules as well as information regarding testing and vaccinations are important to know:

### Further Extension of Individual Study Time

The state ministry for science (MWK) has ordered that the individual time of study will be extended by one more semester. So, if you were fully matriculated, this semester might not count into the standard period of study. This has effects with regard to long-term study fees (from the 10<sup>th</sup> semester onwards) as well as BAFöG (German Federal Law on Support in Education). As in the past semesters, the Office of the University Registrar will approach you in order to let know you if you profit from this regulation.

Should you be a recipient of BAFöG and have questions regarding this topic, please contact the finance department of Studentenwerk Osnabrück.

### Obligation to Wear Masks

We are happy to announce that you will no longer be obligated to wear a mask outside the buildings on campus. The Halls 1 and 2 on Lingen campus are also considered outside areas. **Within the buildings, the obligation to wear a mask remains in force.**

If you are in an office and can keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters and have at least 6.5 m<sup>2</sup> to yourself, it will not be necessary to wear a mask. You can find further information on the [corona website](#).

Group work rooms for students in the libraries

As of immediately, members of the university can use the work carrels in the library again. Group carrels may be used with up to 3 persons in the Westerberg and Lingen libraries. The Haste library will open up the group work room on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2021. Members of the university can use the library for an unlimited amount of time during opening hours, and make reservations for seminar and meeting rooms.

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.bib.hs-osnabrueck.de> .

### Open offers for Vaccinations in the City of Osnabrück

Currently, there is enough vaccine available. Therefore, it is at everybody to decide whether they would like to receive a vaccination for COVID 19. To receive a vaccination is not just for your own advantage as every vaccination is one step towards a more "normal" future. The vaccination center Osnabrück offers vaccinations to all citizens of Osnabrück (and international students are citizens of Osnabrück, as well, while here). On Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:15 a.m. until 1 p.m., you can obtain the documents necessary for a vaccination in the tent behind the vaccination center (Schlosswallhalle, Heinrichstraße 48, Osnabrück). On the same day, you will receive a vaccination. The vaccines that will be used are Biontech and Moderna. The vaccinations will be administered on a first-come-first-served basis. Should you have children: This offer is valid for everyone 12 years and older, underaged persons must be accompanied by an adult. The second vaccination will take place on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and cannot be postponed.

Also this coming weekend, on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Pain Therapy Center Brau-Michel has organized an open offer to obtain a vaccination. In this offer, persons 18 years and older will be vaccinated with Johnson & Johnson at Thomas-Morus-Schule, Bramstraße 40, Osnabrück-Haste. With this vaccine, only one shot is necessary. You need to make an appointment which you can book here: [www.impfen-os.de](http://www.impfen-os.de).

The instagram channel of the City of Osnabrück offers up-to-date information on all current offers for vaccinations. You can find the same information here:

<https://geo.osnabrueck.de/corona/?i=start> If you have any questions regarding these offers,

please call the Vaccination Hotline at +49/541/323-4444. Please also note the information regarding vaccinations in Landkreis Emsland and Grafschaft Bentheim, where there are many open appointments, also.

### **New Testing Centers at the University of Osnabrück**

Two new testing centers have taken up their work at the University of Osnabrück. The testing center on the inner city campus is between the Mensa Schlossgarten and Building EW ([www.schnelltestzentrum-uni-schlossgarten.de](http://www.schnelltestzentrum-uni-schlossgarten.de)). The Westerberg testing center ([www.schnelltestzentrum-uni-westerberg.de](http://www.schnelltestzentrum-uni-westerberg.de)) is located in front of Building AVZ (access via Albrechtstraße). Both centers are operated by SeKe Health UG. You can find all further information on the two websites.

All members of our university also have the opportunity to do a test free from charge from Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.. You can make an appointment through the website or walk in and wait.

If you have questions, advice or complaints, please contact [kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de](mailto:kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de). Our colleagues in the Communications Department will forward your comments to the people in charge.

With best regards  
Your University Steering Committee