

Corona Virus Update | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, November 5th 2021

Dear Students,

we are very happy to note that the first weeks in winter term 2021/22 have gone well.

From now onwards, we must deal with rising numbers of infections in a mindful way in order to continue the winter semester in the best way possible. Please remember that the corona pandemic is ongoing.

Therefore, today's newsletter doesn't necessarily contain any new information, but we would like to remind you of our hygienic standards and to be aware of the pandemic and its implications. Numbers are rising exponentially and so, it seems most important that we continue to abide by the hygienic standards and regulations of our university. Only then will we be able to continue with face-to-face classes.

Hygienic Standards in Winter Semester 2021/22

At our university, the winter semester 2021/22 is conducted with face-to-face classes and 3G-regulations (3G = vaccinated, fully recovered, and/or tested). In order to participate in classes on campus students and teachers alike need proof that they are

- fully vaccinated,
- fully recovered from a COVID-19-infection during the past 6 months, or
- tested negatively (PCR or antigen test)

All university buildings have re-opened. Entrances are controlled with regard to hygienic standards.

When moving inside the buildings, all members of the university and all guests need to wear a hygienic mask. In addition, all persons inside the buildings need to keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters to any other person.

Any additional regulations can be found on the [website](#) of the university (information in German). Please check this website regularly.

Due to current developments, we would like to clarify the following aspects:

What should I do when I experience symptoms and/or have a positive test result?

In addition to rising numbers of COVID-19-infections, many other diseases are spreading throughout the population at the moment. This is normal in fall and winter, for example there are the flu, colds, etc..

Therefore: if you have any symptoms of a cold, the flu or any other types of infectious diseases, please consult a physician before coming to campus. Should you receive a positive test result for COVID-19, whether you have been fully vaccinated or not, please stay at home and inform the responsible authorities. International students who are unsure where to turn, can contact the Center for International Students at international@hs-osnabrueck.de We will help you get the necessary steps taken. Should you need to undergo quarantine, we will also help you buy groceries and other supplies you may need, so do not hesitate to contact us.

Should you have a positive test result at one of the university's testing stations, we are obligated to inform the authorities for you. We will also inform students who have been in contact with infected persons in the classroom. We do not use the Corona warning apps that are in circulations and ask you to pay attention to those in your own responsibility.

Entrance Controls and Registration

When participating in a class on campus, students and teachers alike need to pass the entrance controls and register in the classrooms. Only if everybody participated in this system, it is going to be helpful.

The university will offer testing stations on all campuses until the end of lectures at the end of January 2022. In one of our upcoming newsletters, we will inform you about the procedures in connection with exams.

And last but not least:

The security persons at the building entrances do a great job and a valuable contribution to our corona safety measures. Comments that are intended to degrade or insult these people are unwelcome and should be stopped immediately. Please help us make this point.

If you have questions, helpful advice or information that can help all of us, please send them to kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de Our University Communications are in charge of this topic.

With best regards
Your University Steering Committee