

## **Corona Virus Update | Current Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Dear Students,

We hope that the first two weeks of 2022 went well for you.

In order to plan the exams reliably and legally sound, we have crafted an ordinance that has temporary validity and is called "Corona Tests during the Exam Phase of Winter Semester 2021/22". This will give you orientation and a legal base for exam procedures.

Some information regarding these procedures:

### **New Ordinance: "Corona Tests during the Exam Phase of Winter Semester 2021/22"**

Here is a summary of the most important rules and provisions: In order to participate in exams in the winter semester 2021/22, a valid corona test with a negative result is a prerequisite. **In accordance with state legislation, it is sufficient to present a PoC antigen test or a supervised self test dating from the day before, even if it is older than 24 hours when entering the exam.**

**This prerequisite is mandatory for all student who wish to participate in an exam, also for those who have already received their booster / third vaccination.**

You will need to present the test result when entering the building. Should a student not be able to present such a test result, they will not be able to enter the building. Consequently, in this case, the exam cannot be taken.

[For further information, please see the "Amtsblatt" of the Hochschule. It is the place where legal documents of the university are published. We ask you to read the ordinance \(available only in German\).](#)

Additionally, when entering the building, your personal details will be checked and your attendance/absence of the exam noted. You will have to wear an FFP2 mask during the entire time. Just like last semester, for each full hour of exam time, 10 additional minutes will be allowed.

**We ask you to continue to deal with the situation in a responsible way and to take care not only of yourselves but also of others. Please reduce your personal contacts to a minimum.**

### **Application to participate in online exams for students who cannot participate in exams on campus**

The Faculties will try to offer alternative modes of exams to students who are unable to participate in on-site exams due to the pandemic. This depends on their capacities. Students who fulfill certain criteria in connection with the pandemic can apply to take exams online (under video supervision).

These online exams will take place at the same time as on-site exams.

### **The following three reasons apply:**

- At the time of the exam, you are under quarantine (as effected by the health authorities). If you have been tested positive on Covid 19 but have not yet been officially quarantined, you can send in the official positive test result (PCR, certified PoC antigen test, supervised self test).
- Due to a relevant pre-existing condition / disease, a vaccination against Covid 19 is not advisable for you.

- You share a household with a person where a vaccination against Covid 19 is not advisable due to a relevant pre-existing condition / disease.

Applications to participate in online exams can only be turned in and decided within fixed deadlines. **Your application must be turned in before 1 p.m. on the last working day prior to your exam.** (Please note: Saturdays and Sundays are not considered working days!) Otherwise the necessary preparations cannot be realized.

Students who test positive after this deadline and cannot apply for an alternative exam on time will not be able to write the exam this semester. Why is that so? Illness on the day of an exam is a circumstance that falls in the responsibility of the student (just like having an accident on the way to an exam, etc.) and does not constitute a mandatory reason to grant a new exam date in the same semester. The exam must then be taken in the following semester. Should you incur such a situation, you can try to speak to your respective faculty to see if a solution can be found but remember that your faculty / institute is not obligated to offer an alternative exam.

Further information, contact persons and forms to apply for alternative exams can be found here:

<https://servicedesk.hs-osnabrueck.de/servicedesk/customer/portal/2/create/155>

Details on the procedures regarding alternative exams under video supervision can be found here: [OSCA-Infothek](#) (in German).

### **Self Test Centers**

You can find an overview of all self test centers in Osnabrück here:

<https://geo.osnabrueck.de/corona/?i=kategorien> . For centers in Lingen, please see this website: [www.lingen.de/politik-rathaus-service/corona/testzentren/testzentren.html](http://www.lingen.de/politik-rathaus-service/corona/testzentren/testzentren.html)

**Reminder: If you haven't already done so, please certify your 3G status here**

<https://core.hs-osnabrueck.de/verification> .

If you have questions, comments or advice that is helpful for all of use, please send them to [kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de](mailto:kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de) .

Our colleagues in the Department of University Communications will forward them to those in charge.

Yours cordially,  
the University Steering Committee