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To all employees
at Heidelberg University

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Changes to Covid regulations

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Dear employees,
Dear colleagues,

The challenges around the coronavirus issue are still very dynamic and – precisely in view of the unchanged high infection figures in Germany – call on us to continue to show a high degree of flexibility and mutual consideration, for the protection of all concerned. Again I thank you warmly for your continuing cooperation, and take this opportunity to inform you about the further procedure at the university.

In view of the latest versions of the Infection Protection Act and the Federal Coronavirus Ordinance on Occupational Safety, the recent State Coronavirus Ordinances and the current decisions of the Rectorate, the following changes to the Covid regulations at Heidelberg University will take effect **as of 3 April 2022**:

Degree-related activities

These new rules apply in all on-campus classes, examinations etc. and in all circulation areas and rooms for degree-related activities:

- University staff, including teachers, are generally required – hence also for degree-related activities – to wear a surgical mask or an FFP2 mask inside buildings if they cannot maintain the minimum distance. The university will continue to provide the necessary masks free of charge. An urgent appeal goes to all students likewise to continue wearing a surgical mask or an FFP2 mask in all areas of degree-related activities.
- The 3G rules have been revoked in all areas, as has the occupancy restriction for premises used for classes and events.
- The university's cost-free test opportunities are now only available until and including Friday, 1 April 2022. After that, the university will close its test centres.

All other areas of the university

Apart from degree-related activities, the following applies in all areas of the university, i.e. in the whole of work and service operations in research and administration, in committee meetings, in cultural events, public lectures and information sessions, additional courses and in general university sport:

Masks

At present are required to wear a mask (surgical mask or FFP2 mask) inside buildings if the minimum distance cannot be maintained. The only exception is with sporting activities. The university will continue to provide its employees with the necessary masks. The mask mandate will initially continue until further notice, but at most until the expiry of the current Federal Coronavirus Ordinance on Occupational Safety on 25 May 2022. An [overview of the latest mask regulations](#) for the university's on-campus activities can be found on the central coronavirus website.

3G certificates

In future, 3G certificates do not need to be checked in the university, nor is this permitted. The only exceptions are in the medical areas. Consequently, there will, for example, be no more 3G checks in university libraries and in the main administration building (Carolinum). Existing overviews and documentation on the 3G status of employees must be destroyed immediately in compliance with data protection.

Test opportunities

As described above, the university test centres will close at the end of this week. Nevertheless, the following arrangement applies to university employees whose workplace is on campus. If their work brings them into frequent contact with the public, or with students, and they cannot regularly keep the minimum distance, they will continue to be offered one rapid coronavirus test per week. The rapid antigen tests can be ordered via the central procurement offices by the respective heads of institute or facility. There is more information about the ordering process on the relevant [coronavirus website](#). This arrangement will initially apply until further notice, at most, however, until the expiry of the current Federal Coronavirus Ordinance on Occupational Safety on 25 May 2022.

Risk assessments

The necessary Covid-related measures for the various venues and premises continue to be derived from the risk assessments of the institutes/facilities. So I would like to ask all executive staff to use the above-mentioned changes to update the risk assessments in their area of responsibility, and to enable the employees in their departments to take a look at them, e.g. via a heiBOX.

Please also note that your vaccination or recovery status does not affect the need to respect all the above-mentioned Covid regulations. Protection against infection must also be guaranteed during breaks and in leisure areas.

Vaccination opportunities

In cooperation with the Student Services Organisation (Studierendenwerk Heidelberg), Heidelberg University also continues to offer [weekly opportunities for vaccination](#) against Covid-19 to all members of the university, particularly for students and employees. This applies initially until 20 April 2022.

Please continue to raise any concerns about the whole topic of Covid-19 to our Coronavirus Service Portal:

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Many thanks for your understanding and stay healthy.

Yours sincerely,



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