Corona regulations at UBT from 03.04.2022 & Call Contact Tracing Teams

Dear Members of Staff,

In the past few days, the Bavarian state government has decided on some far-reaching changes, in particular relaxations of covid regulations, on the basis of the Federal Infection Control Act. As a result, the previously valid access restrictions, according to which only vaccinated, recovered and tested persons (3G) were allowed to enter the buildings and closed premises of the UBT, no longer apply. **As of 03.04.2022, there will therefore no longer be any access restrictions at the UBT.** This applies across the board, for example also to the library and cafeteria.

However, the pandemic is not over. Safe teaching, research and work is important to us, as it is to you. Therefore, the following regulations also apply:

- **Mask obligation:** In line with all Bavarian universities, as of 03.04.2022 and until further notice there is an obligation according to the University Rules to wear an FFP-2 mask for self-protection in closed rooms as well as indoor communal and circulation spaces. This is not applicable when sitting or standing where the minimum distance of 1.5 metres can be reliably maintained.

- **Distancing:** In view of the current infection figures, we continue to recommend keeping a minimum distance of 1.5 metres at all times.

- **Self-tests:** Employees who visit the university for work purposes have the option of receiving one self-test per week. This will initially be offered until 25.05.2022 (current period of validity of the Coronavirus Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance). Tests are collected from the mailroom.
• **Home office**: In principle, covid-specific home office regulations will expire on 02.04.2022. In the event of suspected cases of coronavirus, the employee should, in consultation with his/her supervisor, take the precaution of "self-quarantining" until the situation has been clarified. Wherever possible, and in agreement with the supervisor, work should then be carried out via home office.

• **Coronavirus Handbook**: Comprehensive information on all applicable regulations and recommendations can be found in the latest update of the Coronavirus Handbook: [https://uni-bayreuth.de/corona](https://uni-bayreuth.de/corona).

Beyond these guidelines and recommendations, we are pleased to continue to offer rapid testing on campus. At [https://meintest.brk.de](https://meintest.brk.de) you can book appointments for PoC antigen rapid testing, which is offered on weekdays between 9 and 11 am. Please take advantage of this offer, which is maintained with the support of our dedicated students.

**Call for contact tracing teams**

The Bavarian State Government believes that the identification and tracing of infected persons and contacts has a central role to play in limiting the pandemic and that we are obligated to appoint volunteers to support contact tracing teams (CT teams) to trace covid cases.

The Government of Upper Franconia and the responsible ministries therefore **urgently** request again that further volunteers be nominated who can temporarily support the district offices, in particular the Bayreuth district office, by working in a CT team. After training, this work can probably also be done mainly on a mobile basis, i.e. at one’s regular workplace or via home office.

Due to the urgent demand, **part-time staff or full-time staff with 50% of their working hours** can also be considered if a total of 20 hours per week and an assignment on at least four days per week is possible. Unfortunately, externally funded staff can only be considered if the relevant third-party funding providers have given their consent.

We appeal to all supervisors and to all employees to provide support for the health offices at short notice. If possible, please register by Monday, 4 April 2022, stating your contact details, by e-mail to Personalabteilung@uni-bayreuth.de. Of course, registrations received later will still be considered.

We are pleased that these current developments will further facilitate the diversity of interpersonal encounters that make up our community as the University of Bayreuth.

Yours faithfully,

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