Infection Prevention and Control Plan for students and visitors valid from 8 May 2022
V5.2

Kempten University of Applied Sciences
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0 Preface

This Infection Prevention and Control Plan applies to students and visitors attending Kempten University of Applied Sciences from 8 May 2022.

Kempten University of Applied Sciences is implementing the following behavioural and hygiene measures to implement the “Corona Strategy” required by the Bavarian State Ministry. This Infection Prevention and Control Plan is based on, inter alia:

- Protection against Infection Act (IfSG) dated 20 July 2000 (BGBl. I p. 1045), most recently amended by Article 4 of the Act dated 18 March 2022 (BGBl. I p. 473)
- Sixteenth Bavarian Regulation on Infection Prevention and Control Measures (16th BayIfSMV) dated 1 April 2022, most recently amended 29 April 2022 (BayMBl. 2022 no. 266)
- SARS-CoV-2 Occupational Safety Regulation dated 25 June 2021 (BAnz AT 28.06.2021 V1), most recently amended by Article 13 of the Regulation dated 22 November 2021 (BGBl. I p. 4906)
- Corona Pandemic: 2nd Common Guidance for Bavarian Universities of Applied Sciences (BayMBl. 2021 no. 840)

This Infection Prevention and Control Plan comes into force on 8 May 2022.

It is subject to revision should the Bavarian State Government amend the directives, in which case the old Infection Prevention and Control Plan will no longer be valid.
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1 Presence at Kempten University of Applied Sciences / Physical attendance in classes

1.1 Prohibited entry

According to the Common Guidance for Universities of Applied Sciences issued by the Bavarian State Ministry for Science and the Arts (StMWK), anyone

“– displaying typical symptoms of a SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection (typical symptoms of an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus are shortness of breath, a new continuous cough, fever and loss of the sense of smell or taste),
– required to quarantine, or
– who has proven to be currently infected with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus,”

is prohibited from participating in university operations on site or entering university premises (buildings or other enclosed spaces).

Source: Common Guidance for Bavarian Universities of Applied Sciences (StMWK)

1.2 Action upon testing positive for COVID-19

If you have tested positive, you must immediately report this to the university by emailing covid19@hs-kempten.de, also stating which classes you have attended in person during the past 7 days (with details of each date, time and room). This is the only way to ensure that contacts can be informed as quickly as possible.

1.3 People at increased risk

If you are one of the people whom the Robert Koch Institute deems to have a greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and you intend to attend a class in person, you are required to take the necessary measures to protect yourself or refrain from attending. Please seek advice from the medical practitioners treating you.

1.4 Pregnant women / expectant mothers

On instruction of the Swabian District Trade Supervisory Board, the university is not permitted to allow expectant mothers to attend classes in person.

In accordance with the Maternity Protection Act, expectant mothers are supposed to notify the “Office for Equal Opportunities, Family Affairs and Diversity” of their pregnancy. However, a precise deadline is not prescribed, and the expectant mother is to determine the “correct point in time” herself.

Pregnant students are asked to contact the lecturers conducting the classes in question to arrange a solution for communicating teaching materials.
2 General hygiene regulations / basic principles

To avoid infections, the general recommendation is to adhere to the “D-H-M+V” rules throughout Kempten University of Applied Sciences, including its satellite premises. This also applies to any outdoor areas belonging to Kempten University of Applied Sciences.

2.1 D-H-M+V rules

Anyone attending Kempten University of Applied Sciences should comply with the **D-H-M+V rules** across the entire site, in all university buildings (campus) and in all premises rented by the university:

- **D** Distance
- **H** Hygiene
- **M** Masks (covering nose and mouth)
- **V** Ventilation

2.1.1 Distance (minimum distance)

Across the university’s entire site, in all university buildings and in all premises rented by the university, everyone must take care to maintain a **minimum distance of 1.5 metres** from other people wherever possible.

2.1.2 Hygiene and disinfection

The necessary hygiene measures include:

- a) Washing hands regularly and avoiding hands touching the face
- b) Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or the crook of the elbow
- c) Disinfecting work tools and operational equipment

**a) Washing hands regularly**

Regular handwashing is one of the most effective protective measures. Studies have shown that washing hands correctly and thoroughly is more effective than using hand sanitisers.

**b) Coughing and sneezing**

Keeping your distance also applies here. Cough and/or sneeze into a tissue, or place your mouth and nose into the crook of your elbow.

**c) Disinfection**

Work tools and operational equipment (e.g. tables, pens, etc.) should preferably be used by only one person and should be disinfected before handing to someone else.

Anything requiring such procedures (e.g. work tools and operational equipment) will be disinfected by cleaning professionals appointed by Kempten University of Applied Sciences and/or staff of Kempten University of Applied Sciences (e.g. electrical laboratory equipment).

In exceptional cases, students can perform the disinfection procedure following instructions. Kempten University of Applied Sciences will provide the authorised disinfectants.
2.1.3 Respiratory protection/ covering (surgical mask or FFP2 mask)
In all buildings at Kempten University of Applied Sciences, particularly in areas where people are moving around or cross paths, it is generally recommended that people wear a certified medical face mask (surgical mask compliant with DIN EN 14683:2019-10) or a particle-filtering half-mask (FFP2/FFP3 without vent compliant with DIN EN 149:2001+A1:2009).

FFP2 masks are not provided by Kempten University of Applied Sciences; thus each person must bring their own.

Lecturers have the right to insist that masks be worn (compulsory) in the lecture theatre or classroom in which they are teaching.

If any participant in a face-to-face consultation or meeting wishes for masks to be worn, then everyone involved has to wear a surgical mask or FFP2 mask.

If anyone refuses to wear a mask when obliged to do so in a particular lecture or class, house rules will be applied and the person in question will be expelled from the lecture theatre or classroom.

In lecture theatres and rooms used for teaching, lecturers are therefore entitled to enforce house rules pertaining to social distancing, hygiene measures and the obligation to wear masks.

In line with the recommendation of the “Coordination Group for Biological Work Materials (KOBAS) of the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV)”, masks are to be changed if they are penetrated by moisture, and at least each new workday.

People are to avoid forming groups in areas where people are moving around or cross paths.

We ask all students and visitors to refrain from “shaking hands or embracing as a greeting or farewell”.

2.1.4 Ventilation
To ensure air circulates adequately during classes, besides the air conditioning systems in buildings being set to maximum throughput, a blast of fresh air is to be introduced for 4-5 minutes at least every 45 minutes, better every 30 minutes, by opening the windows and entrance doors.

Mobile air filtering systems can be used to improve the air quality, but this does not replace regular blasts of fresh air.

3 Further hygiene regulations/measures
3.1 Access to Kempten University of Applied Sciences

It should be noted that the person in charge of any gathering commands the house rules, including the authority to eject any student breaching the Infection Prevention and Control Plan from the room and university premises.

Interactions (with e.g. Academic Registry, Student Advisory Service, International Office) should continue to take place as far as possible via telephone, email or videoconference, while any appointments to be attended in person must be arranged in advance.
3.1.1 Access to lecture theatres
Each lecture theatre should be used by only one group of students per day. The responsibility for this lies with the relevant faculties.

3.1.2 Access to laboratories
Work tools and operational equipment are to be used by only one and the same person wherever possible. In cases where this is not possible, they must be disinfected before each use. The laboratory supervisor in each case is responsible for the disinfection process using authorised disinfectants.

Hands must be washed before using work tools and operational equipment (see D-H-M+V rule).

Lecturers can insist that masks are worn (obligatory) during classes held in laboratories.

The laboratory supervisor is responsible for ensuring sufficient ventilation.

The laboratory supervisor’s instructions must be followed in full. The relevant laboratory rules and regulations apply.

3.1.3 Access to the library
The library is open.

It is generally recommended that people wear a mask in the library.

3.1.4 Access to the canteen
A hygiene plan drawn up by Augsburg Student Union applies to the canteen of Kempten University of Applied Sciences. Anyone visiting it is obliged to follow instructions from the canteen staff.

3.2 Conduct during face-to-face classes
It is generally recommended that people wear a surgical or FFP2 mask throughout the entire class.

If the lecturer insists that participants wear a surgical or FFP2 mask, then it is obligatory to do so during the class in question. Lecturers can remove their mask in such cases, as long as they maintain a distance of 3 metres from others.

The instructions of the lecturers in charge must be followed.

3.3 Corona-Warn-App
The University Executive Board recommends using the Corona-Warn-App (also) at Kempten University of Applied Sciences.

“The Corona-Warn-App helps us to realise if we have come into contact with an infected person, thus possibly presenting a contamination risk. This enables us to break the chain of infection more swiftly. The app is provided by the Federal Government.”

Source: Corona-Warn-App – Federal Government
4 Closing remarks

We ask all students to play an active part in implementing the measures prescribed in this Infection Prevention and Control Plan towards minimising the risk of infection.

Sincere thanks for your efforts – stay healthy!

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