

# **(General) hygiene concept of Flensburg University of Applied Sciences**

This concept is valid until further notice; it applies to the whole of Flensburg University of Applied Sciences (FUAS).

## Preamble

The health and safety of its students, teaching staff, employees and visitors are the main focus of the measures taken at FUAS in the current situation.

At the same time, we want to do what is our main task as a university: provide education.

This hygiene concept aims to create and ensure a safe environment in which all members of our university and their guests stay healthy and which ensures safe university operations in times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This can only be achieved by constantly re-assessing and re-adjusting important and necessary safety measures. This hygiene concept is based on a number of regulations on dealing with the pandemic in place, the Regulations to fight the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 issued by the Land Schleswig-Holstein [Corona-Bekämpfungsverordnung des Landes Schleswig-Holstein, German language version: [https://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Schwerpunkte/Coronavirus/Erlasse/2022/220318\\_Corona\\_BekaempfungsVO.ht](https://www.schleswig-holstein.de/DE/Schwerpunkte/Coronavirus/Erlasse/2022/220318_Corona_BekaempfungsVO.ht) as well as the occupational safety and health regulations in place.

We trust and rely on all members and guests of FUAS to act responsibly and in a way, which considers and respects others; this is the most important pre-requisites for this hygiene concept to be effective.

## I. General information

The principles of infection prevention apply to all activities and events held by FUAS and on its premises (this includes teaching, seminars, laboratory classes, meetings, assessments, workshops etc.). By adhering to these principles, everyone takes on responsibility not only for themselves but for others, too.

The spread of COVID-19 can also be reduced by a large number of people getting vaccinated and everyone getting tested regularly. We ask all members of FUAS to use the official sources available<sup>1</sup> to learn about the risks of an infection with COVID-19 and the advantages of a vaccination against COVID-19; please make use of the various possibilities to get tested and/or vaccinated and consult your GP or FUAS' occupational doctor.

The elemental hygiene rules (keeping a distance from others (at least 1.5 metres), (hand) hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, medical masks covering the mouth and nose and regular ventilation of rooms) are the most important measures to minimise the risk at all events and activities. They will remain crucial also with the number of vaccinated people rising.

The number of people allowed to gather for private purposes are defined in the Regulations on the number of people and distance keeping issued by the Land Schleswig-Holstein valid at the time of the gathering.

The entrances to FUAS' buildings are open during FUAS' regular opening hours.

We highly recommend that medical face masks are worn during classes taught on campus and lab classes, meetings and when working at group workplaces.

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<sup>1</sup> e.g. [Federal Ministry of Health](#), [RKI](#), [BZgA](#), [schleswig-holstein.de](#); or [the WHO](#) (for information in English)

A medical mask covering the mouth and nose (FFP2-,N95-,2-,DS2-,CPA-,KN95- or surgical mask) must be worn on the corridors, in stairways and lifts and similar routes in all of FUAS' buildings. Masks must be worn so that the number of respiratory droplets and aerosols spread when coughing, sneezing or speaking is reduced.

On the corridors, in stairways and lifts and similar routes in all of FUAS' buildings medical face coverings must not be worn:

- by people carrying out hard physical work,
- if wearing a mask is not reasonable in an individual case (a doctor's note is required in such a case),
- when the President's Office approved an exception.

Participants who have notable respiratory symptoms (e.g. coughing, sore throat or aching limbs) are asked to leave the activity unless they can provide a doctor's note verifying that the respiratory symptoms are not of an infectious nature (e.g. students with an asthma cough).

Occupational safety and health regulations remain valid in addition to this hygiene concept.

## II. Framework conditions (organisation and facilities)

1. Routes to be followed through FUAS' buildings will be designated and marked in order to avoid direct encounters (walk on the right side) and ensure that distances can be kept (avoid overtaking others).
2. Some stairs will be marked for the way up and others for the way down; they are to be used accordingly.
3. Lifts should only be used by one person at a time when absolutely necessary.
4. General advice for the prevention of infections have been posted on the entrance doors to all buildings and are to be adhered to.
5. The sanitary facilities are cleaned daily.
6. Facilities in which activities are held must be aired regularly during the activity; a sufficient ventilation must be ensured between activities, too. Before the start of an activity, work spaces (table tops, work and laboratory equipment) are to be cleaned by the users and the supervisors using the surface disinfectants. The materials and resources required will be handed out as communicated via the notice boards and the website.
7. If possible, doors are to be kept open during an event/activity to avoid the use of door handles and ensure the circulation of air.

Food may not be consumed in facilities in which activities take place. Drinks should be brought, consumed and disposed of by participants individually. If events or activities take place over a longer period of time, rooms to take breaks in can be designated by the organisers.

8. Washing hands and using the disinfectant provided before and after an activity contributes to the prevention of infections.
9. The facilities in which an activity takes place are to be prepared by the supervising staff or organisers prior to the activity.
10. Private meetings on campus are permissible if the rules defined by this hygiene concept are kept to.
11. Supervisory staff can exclude participants from an event/activity if they are not adhering to hygiene rules and continue to do so after having been given a warning.
12. The name of anyone violating the hygiene rules in a severe manner must be reported to the Dean's Offices and the President's Office. In this case the measures taken may go as far as banning people from FUAS' premises.

### **III. Organisation within FUAS**

Classes must be held according to how and when they are scheduled in the timetable.

Changes may occur on the basis of new decrees issued by the Land or similarly important reasons, these changes could include switching to online teaching or hybrid formats at short notice. Members of FUAS are asked to regularly check commonly used communication channels such as their e-mail inboxes, the website or Stud.IP.