

## Course of action for (suspected) cases of COVID-19

1. A person showing symptoms calls the number 1450 to find out if they should be tested.
2. If the person is instructed to get tested, they inform Ms Daniela Grogger (0732 7898 2220, [daniela.grogger@ufg.at](mailto:daniela.grogger@ufg.at)). The university will ask: Who? When was the last time the person was at the university? Which classes did they hold or attend? With whom were they in direct contact? When did the symptoms occur?  
Internal and external communication starts: department, institute office, facility management, ZID, crisis committee, Occupational Health Service, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, health authorities, mailing list 'breaking news'.
3. The administrative departments communicate the measures they have taken directly to the affected people/institutions to guarantee appropriate implementation.
4. Contact tracing (locking (card) system, class attendance lists, contact journal of the affected person)
5. People who have been contacted by the university (as a result of contact tracing) self-isolate and stay away from the university. The same applies to people who know they were in direct contact with the affected person.
6. Students who self-isolate inform their teachers and consult them regarding further class participation.
7. Please inform Ms Daniela Grogger about your test results (positive or negative). In case of a negative result, all contact persons are informed that they can return to university.
8. In case of a positive test result, the university informs all contact persons identified through contact tracing. Subsequently, the health authorities will contact these people and tell them if they need to get tested. Affected people should only call the number 1450 if they show symptoms.
9. If no further examinations are prescribed, all contact persons who do not show symptoms may return to university 10 days after their last contact with the person who tested positive.  
Alternatively, contact persons may get a molecular biological SARS-CoV-2 test. If the result is negative, they may return to university immediately. A certificate proving negative test results is required. The university does not cover potential testing expenses.

### Contact persons:

Contact persons are those who have had high-risk exposure (K1) or low-risk exposure (K2).

**Contact persons who have had high-risk exposure (K1) are:**

- people who were in direct physical contact with a confirmed case
- people who were face to face with a confirmed case for 15 minutes or longer from less than a 2-metre-distance (especially household contacts).
- people who cared for a confirmed case (incl. medical or nursing staff, family members)
- people who were in the same room with a confirmed case with a distance of less than 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer
- people with a high probability of having been exposed to a high concentration of aerosols - regardless of distance (e.g. parties, ceremonies)

**Contact persons who have had low-risk exposure (K2) are:**

- people who were face to face with a confirmed case for less than 15 minutes from less than a 2-metre-distance (especially household contacts)
- people who were in the same room (e.g. classroom, meeting room, healthcare facility) with a confirmed case with A) a distance of more than 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer, or B) with a distance of less than two metres for less than 15 minutes.

**Important:** Quarantine can only be imposed by health authorities. However, the University of Art and Design Linz reserves the right to deny contact persons access to university buildings. This does not constitute quarantine as ordered by the authorities and only applies to accessing the university.

**Infectiousness** starts approximately 2 days before the occurrence of symptoms.