

## Course of action for (suspected) cases of a coronavirus infection - applicable to university members (including students)

1. People with symptoms or a positive antigen rapid test contact the telephone number 1450 to decide if testing is required.
2. If a PCR test is required or if a PCR test has already confirmed an infection, please inform Ms Daniela Grogger (0732 7898 2220, [daniela.grogger@kunstuni-linz.at](mailto:daniela.grogger@kunstuni-linz.at))

The university will request the following information: Who? When was the last time you were at the university? What classes did you attend/teach? With whom were you in direct personal contact? When did symptoms first occur? Internal and external communication will be initiated: department, institute office, facility management, ZID, crisis committee, AMD, BMBWF, health authorities

3. Administrative departments introducing measures (e.g., disinfection measures) communicate these to the affected people/unit so the measures can be implemented accordingly.
4. Contact tracing (access card system, class attendance lists, contact diary of the affected person etc.)
5. If you have tested positive, you are required to stay away from the university. You may return to university after 5 days if you can produce a negative PCR test result – otherwise after 10 days (according to item 7 of the currently applicable COVID-19 traffic light status regulations).
6. Students who isolate themselves or have been ordered to reduce contacts ('Verkehrsbeschränkung') inform their lecturers to discuss further attendance. You may return to university 5 days after first positive testing if your current Ct value is at least 30. Ten days after first positive testing, you are allowed to return without any testing.
7. Please also communicate the (positive or negative) test result to Ms Daniela Grogger. In case of a negative result, all contact persons are informed that they can return to university.
8. In case of a positive result, all known contact persons (contact tracing) will be informed.

## Additional information: official course of action in (suspected) cases of a SARS-CoV-2 infection

[\(What to do in a \(suspected\) case of infection? – coronavirus information from Upper Austria \(ooe.gv.at\)\)](#)

### Symptoms and suspected cases of infection

If you experience symptoms like coughing, fever, shortness of breath, headaches or respiratory problems, contact this [website](#) online ([Meldung eines COVID19-Verdachtsfalls - Schritt 1 von 3 \(ooe.gv.at\)](#)) or call the official health hotline 1450. We advise you to use an FFP2 mask during direct contact with other people.

### Confirmed cases of infection

#### - Positive PCR test result

- Authorities are informed by the responsible laboratory. Health authorities will contact you via SMS or telephone and inform you of the regulation requiring you to reduce contacts ('COVID-19-Verkehrsbeschränkungsverordnung'). Notifications are not sent via mail anymore.

#### - Positive antigen (rapid) test result or symptoms

- Contact the official health hotline online or via telephone (1450). Responsible health authorities will contact you via SMS or telephone to arrange a PCR testing appointment and inform you of the regulation requiring you to reduce contacts until test results are back. If the test result is positive, authorities will contact you (via SMS or telephone) once again. If the result is negative, you receive an SMS and are no longer required to reduce contacts.

### Contact persons

Currently, health authorities are not tracing chains of infection. However, we advise people who have tested positive to inform contact persons. If symptoms occur, they should contact the official health hotline online or via telephone (1450).

### Reduction of contact ('Verkehrsbeschränkung')

#### - Mandatory mask-wearing

- outside your home: all indoor spaces (if physical contact with other people cannot be excluded); outdoor spaces, if a minimum distance of 2 metres between you and other people cannot be maintained).

- public transportation
- private vehicles (if physical contact with other people cannot be excluded)
- your private home: gatherings in indoor spaces; gatherings in outdoor spaces if a minimum distance of 2 metres between you and other people cannot be maintained.

- *You are prohibited from entering the following facilities:*

- retirement/nursing homes and residential homes for people with disabilities
- hospitals
- rehabilitation facilities
- day centres for elderly or disabled people
- daycare centres, preschools
- primary schools
- other care facilities for children below the age of 11, including in-home daycare providers

- *exceptions apply to the following people:*

- Employees and operators of the facilities mentioned above
- Residents of retirement/nursing homes or homes for people with disabilities
- hospital/rehabilitation facility patients
- people receiving assistance/care in day centres for elderly or disabled people
- visitors of palliative and hospice care facilities, pastoral care, assistance during critical life events in retirement/nursing homes, homes for people with disabilities, hospital/rehabilitation facilities
- People accompanying minors to any of the facilities mentioned above
- accompanying person in case of childbirth at a hospital.

## Testing clear ('Freitesten')

The obligation to reduce contacts ('Verkehrsbeschränkung') ends with immediate effect...

- if a PCR test comes back negative within 48 hours after a positive antigen test.
- if a PCR test comes back negative or the positive test result shows a Ct value of at least 30. You are only allowed to get PCR-tested for this reason 5 days after testing positive.
- in any case: 10 days after testing positive.

We recommend using the free testing opportunities offered by 'OÖ gurgelt'. You can collect and return test kits in 285 SPAR stores in all 18 Upper Austrian districts. You can also return test kits in 30 SPAR Express stores and 30 McDonald's restaurants ([Oberösterreich gurgelt \(ooe-gurgelt.at\)](https://www.ooe-gurgelt.at)).

## Certificate of recovery

Your certificate of recovery can be retrieved from the ELGA health portal approximately 10 days after official recovery. You can download it via *Handysignatur* or *Bürgerkarte* or print it out at your municipal administration's offices.

**Important:** Reduction of contacts ('Verkehrsbeschränkung') can only be decreed by health authorities. However, the University of Arts 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.