

## COVID-19 Measures

(updated: 24 November 2021)

### **General Measures (Bavaria) - valid from 02 September 2021:**

- A traffic-light system is used to determine the new measures. This system is based on a combination of incidence and bed occupancy in hospitals.
- FFP2 masks are not mandatory any more unless the yellow or red warning level are reached -> however, surgical masks need to be worn
- The incidence value is no longer used to determine the measures
- Travelling/accommodation: Please check the current regulation regarding testing and quarantine before entering a country (RKI website)

Green -> 3-G Regulation (tested, recovered, vaccinated - German: getestet, genesen, geimpft)

- Applies if the 7-day incidence value is above 35 (exceptions: private environment, public transport, retail, outdoor events for up to 1000 people, children under 6)
- Applies to indoors: public and private institutions, events, sports facilities, gastronomy, fitness studios, theaters, cinemas, museums, accommodation, universities, hospitals, libraries, extracurricular educational offers such as music schools, adult education, leisure facilities, saunas, swimming pools
- Students count as tested as they are tested at school regularly
- Applies to elderly homes as well as fairs and indoor events with more than 1000 people regardless of the incidence value

Yellow -> 1,200 new beds occupied across the state of Bavaria due to COVID-19 within a week

- FFP2 masks instead of surgical masks
- Limitation of contacts - also limitation for private and public events
- If a test is required, it must be a PCR test (except in schools)

Red -> 600 beds occupied on intensive care unit -> **the following measures apply from 24 November on until 15 December:**

#### **General Regulations:**

- There will be no Christmas markets in Bavaria this year
- Bars and clubs will be closed
- Restaurants will close at 22:00
- Limitation of contacts for non-vaccinated people -> maximum of 5 people from 2 households (children under 12 as well as recovered and vaccinated people are not counted)
- 3G at the workplace and for public transport (tested, vaccinated or recovered)

#### **2G regulation (vaccinated or recovered):**

- Services such as hair dressers, cosmetic studios, massage studios
- Music schools, adult education centers, driving schools, libraries
- Retail will not close - however, number of customers in shops will be limited (10m<sup>2</sup> per customer)
- Medical treatments (e.g. physiotherapie) can continue

- Children aged 12-17 who are not vaccinated or recovered are allowed to continue participating in sports and music lessons (outside of school) as well as going to restaurants and hotels as they are tested at school regularly. This regulation applies until the end of December.
- 2G plus regulation (vaccinated or recovered plus an up-to-date negative rapid test which is valid for 24 hours or a PCR test which is valid for 48 hours needs to be provided):
  - Permitted visitor capacity for events: 25% of maximum capacity
  - This applies to cultural events, sports event (e. g. soccer), fairs, recreational/leisure facilities(e.g. zoos, guided tours)
- Regulations if incidence value is above 1000 in a district:
  - all institutions will be closed except supermarkets and other shops
  - Schools and kindergarten stay open
  - number of customers will be limited (20m<sup>2</sup> per customer)
  - this applies to vaccinated as well as non-vaccinated people

### Schools:

- Masks need to be worn (Grades 1-12) inside the building - even when sitting at the desk
  - > Grades 1-4 students: surgical masks are recommended although textile masks are permitted
  - > Grades 5-12 students and all members of staff: surgical masks are required
- Masks need to be worn during PR lessons
- Mingling of classes should to be avoided if possible
- Testing will be intensified
  - > Schools that conduct the pool-test will conduct a self-test on Mondays in addition
  - > fully vaccinated or recovered students do not need to provide a test/be tested unless they show symptoms OR instructed by the authorities
  - > Please be assured that we monitor the testing closely and assist the students where needed
- Quarantine in case of a positive test
  - > The authorities refrain from quarantining the whole class and decide which children/teachers need to quarantine based on their investigation
  - > Quarantine can be ended after 5 days if a negative PCR test is provided and no symptoms are shown
  - > Those students who do not need to quarantine will be tested at school every day for a certain period of time (determined by the Gesundheitsamt)

## Dealing with symptoms/sickness

**The following measures apply to all students - regardless if they are recovered, vaccinated or tested:**

Students must stay at home if they show the following symptoms:

Fever, cough, trouble breathing, loss of sense of taste and smell, sore throat or earache, head cold with fever, joint pain, severe stomach-ache, vomiting or diarrhea.

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On recovery from the above symptoms, attending school is only allowed if a negative test is provided - either a rapid test or PCR-test. Please note that a self-test is not sufficient.

If a student does not provide a test, school can only be attended if they have no symptoms and have not attended school for 7 days since the start of symptoms.

In the following case, school attendance is possible if a test is being conducted at school or at a test center:

- mild and new cold symptoms - however without fever

In the following cases, school attendance is possible - with mild symptoms (cold/cough without fever) that do not persist:

- head cold or cough due to an allergy (e.g. hay fever)
- blocked nose (without fever)
- occasional cough, sore throat, throat-clearing

In these cases, attending school is possible without a negative PCR test or rapid test.

## In and outside the classroom

At ISU, we have reviewed the following guidelines and are able to implement them fully:

- Wherever it is possible in the school building, a minimum distance of 1.5 m should be maintained (e. g. in corridors, stairwells, sanitary areas) - however, during lessons the minimum distance does not need to be maintained as long as classes do not mingle
- Small group mixed level classes such as EAL, SEN, Morning Care are allowed -> a 1.5m physical distance must be maintained between the grade levels.
- Staggered breaks and allocated zones for fixed groups in the playground is recommended – if this is possible regarding space. The break can also take place in the classroom, however, it is recommended to be outside during the breaks
- Classes shall be separated during lunch time. The minimum distance of 1.5m to other classes needs to be maintained
- Fixed groups during After School Care -> classes shall not mingle. If this is not possible, the minimum distance between students of different classes needs to be maintained
- 1.5m physical distance must be maintained between staff at all times - including the staff room
- Rooms are to be ventilated as often as possible - windows left fully open before class, breaks, lunch, during specialist lessons and after class -> every 45 minutes for at least 5 minutes

- Disinfectant stations, gels, and wipes will remain readily available
- School computers, laptops, tablets, musical instruments and art supplies must be disinfected after every use
- Students are not to exchange any materials including musical instruments
- Textile masks must be washed daily and always stored hygienically when not in use
- Wash hands regularly for 20-30 seconds