Covid-19 Update 22.04.2021 – Department for BioMedical Research

Dear colleagues

After the implementation of the Federal Council’s new Corona regulations, the University has adapted some of their regulations as well.
(https://www.unibe.ch/coronavirus/index_ger.html)

NEW:

- It is possible again to organize teaching events or courses for continuing education with up to a max. of 50 people, or up to one third of the capacity of the respective room (i.e. 15 people in Room MEM/ H810 and 10 people in Room MEM/ H813).
- Lectures can still be done online. There is no obligation for students to be present at lectures, thus lectures have to be online or both, online and in presence.

ALL other the safety measures remain in place:

- Home Office is mandatory when reasonably possible.
- Masks have to worn at any time within ALL buildings of the University and the University Hospital, Inselspital, and on the perimeter of the University Campus. The ONLY exception is in cafeterias and canteens WHILE eating and drinking, but NOT while sitting and talking.
- Keep the distance of 1.5m, also while meeting with a group of five or less people. And when you join a group, agree among you that the distance of 1.5m is kept, otherwise discussions start if you or one of your colleagues should test positive: contact or no contact? Always wear masks.
- Vulnerable persons need to be protected specifically. Please discuss the specific situation with your GP/ Doctor and define with her/him, how your working environment has to be organized to keep you safe.
  Upon vaccination, vulnerable people can return to lab work as usual, but must adhere to all the Corona Guidelines.
- All people that are vaccinated, or went through an infection, must adhere to the Corona Guidelines as well.

If open questions remain, please do not hesitate to contact the ad interim GeSiBe (willy.hofstetter@dbmr.unibe.ch) and your question will clarify with the Fachstelle Risikomanagement and the Betriebsarzt of the University.

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

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(for questions pertaining to the SARS-Cov2 pandemia)