

# General information regarding events during the coronavirus pandemic

## Regulations for events that are not part of teaching and research activities

In accordance with the regulations of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia and the University Board, University operations are taking place at least predominantly on campus in the winter semester 2021/2022. This means that it is also possible to hold special events on campus. However, due to the current epidemiological situation and the need for contact restrictions, each event organiser should critically examine the necessity of holding special events in person. The following regulations are based on the applicable version of the Coronavirus Protection Ordinance of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. This may still be subject to change at short notice.

### **Events related to university activity and/or with a university-related context**

Events of a university-related nature (e.g. project group meetings, PhD workshops, on-site inspections, further training seminars, lectures, committee meetings or departmental meetings to discuss 'difficult' and/or complex topics) continue to be able to be held on campus. Such events can be conducted with a maximum of 100 participants and in compliance with the 3G rules. The event organiser is required to check proof of compliance with 3G rules.

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated or have not recovered from coronavirus must have a negative rapid antigen test result (maximum 24 hours old). A PCR test that has been conducted for other reasons can also be presented as proof of a negative test result and is valid for 48 hours.

As a rule, an obligation to wear face masks (medical masks) within buildings and in rooms where events are held applies at UDE. The following exceptions apply to this if only vaccinated and recovered individuals are present:

- Speakers may remove their mask if a distance of 1.5 m is kept between them and their audience.
- If a minimum distance of 1.5 m is kept between participants or there is a chessboard-like seating arrangement and the room is sufficiently ventilated or is equipped with a forced ventilation system, masks may be removed when there is a fixed seating plan.
- Masks may also be removed in order to eat or drink.

**Events related to university activity and/or with a university-related context of a rather social nature** (e.g. anniversaries or graduation ceremonies) can, in principle, take place under the currently applicable regulations and in compliance with the aforementioned overall conditions/measures. However, in view of the current pandemic situation, holding such events should be reconsidered in the interest of all those involved.

**Events of a purely social nature** (e.g. cross-departmental and other organised Christmas parties, other/student meetings) may unfortunately not take place at present. At most, smaller meetings (within working groups, departments or departmental student organisations) can be held if those who attend also work together in a team on campus. Expanding these meetings to those not usually part of the team is not permitted. The same protective measures apply that apply to working in a team.

These regulations also apply to social events that are planned to take place outside!

### **Organisational information**

The stipulations of UDE's internal action plan must be adhered to. When determining individual measures, the event organisers can seek advice from the Staff Unit for Occupational Safety & Health.