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compulsory certificate in teaching on bachelor and master level from 18 October 2021

Dear students, dear lecturers, dear colleagues,

As announced previously, the university management has made an initial analysis of the Federal Council's decisions on the Covid certificate requirement and has exchanged views with the canton and swissuniversities. According to the Federal Decree, the cantons or the universities "may impose a certificate requirement for Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes and in this case waive the masking requirement and the restriction of enrolment to two-thirds".

However, such a measure requires good preparation. Based on this, the university management has made the fundamental decision to introduce a compulsory certificate in teaching on bachelor and master level from 18 October 2021.

The details for the implementation of this certificate obligation will be worked out in the next few days. This will require further clarification and an adjustment of the protection concept. As soon as the framework conditions for university operations from 18 October 2021 are clear, we will provide further information.

No certificate obligation in further education

Until then, the decisions already made before the summer break will apply. The autumn semester will start as planned. From Monday, 13 September 2021, this means that masks will still be compulsory for Bachelor's and consecutive Master's students and that the distance and hygiene rules must be observed. Classes will be held alternatively/hybridly for the first four weeks as announced. If all students and the lecturer of a class can prove that they have a valid certificate, masks and distance rules can be waived. This also applies in further education, where, on the other hand, no Covid certificate requirement will be introduced after 18 October 2021. This is due to the fact that the critical size of 30 persons per class envisaged for a compulsory requirement will not be exceeded in any case.

For the employees of the UAS Grisons, little will change until 18 October 2021. In principle, they will not be subject to compulsory certification either. If all persons present in offices have a certificate, the wearing of a mask can also be waived. Otherwise, persons without a certificate are required to wear a mask and the distance rule of at least 1.5 metres applies.

Full vaccination protection possible until the end of October

Wearing a mask remains compulsory in the corridors of the UAS Grisons. We recommend that all members of the university who have not yet been vaccinated either take advantage of the various vaccination options or regularly participate in the operational tests. In addition, we would like to point out once again the possibility of being vaccinated on the walk-in vaccination days at location A. The 28th and 30th of September are available for the first vaccination, the second dose will be administered on the 26th or 28th of October. In this way, those willing to

be vaccinated can have full protection shortly after the introduction of the compulsory certificate on 18 October 2021.

In accordance with the Federal Decree, compulsory certification will be introduced for events from Monday, 13 September 2021. This also applies to events held at the UAS Grisons.

With these measures, we would like to offer all university members the best possible structures for teaching, research and work, within the current circumstances. In order to ensure planning security, we endeavour to inform about all further decisions as soon as possible. On our website fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus, constantly updated information is made available.

I am convinced that we will master the new university routine in the best possible way and hope that we will soon be able to offer you the long-awaited face-to-face teaching again.

Yours, Jürg Kessler

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