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## **Implementation of the certificate obligation at the UAS Grisons**

Dear students

The federal government is relying on a combination of vaccination and an extended certificate requirement to combat the Covid 19 pandemic. The latter is being (or has already been) introduced at many Swiss universities. As already communicated, UAS Grisons will introduce compulsory certification for students in all Bachelor's and consecutive Master's degree programmes on 18 October 2021. This will allow us to return to the long-awaited on-site routine of and thus to personally cultivate interdisciplinary, scientific and, in particular, interpersonal exchange.

### **Implementation of the certificate obligation**

In order to comply with the certificate obligation, you as a student must present a valid Covid 19 certificate or a negative test result from the company tests. The UAS Grisons will centrally record the validity of the certificates and have them checked by lecturers at the beginning of each course. In this way, entrance checks can be dispensed with. The voluntary company tests at the UAS Grisons are also open to all students.

Proof of Covid 19 certificate:

Students with a Covid 19 certificate that is valid in Switzerland must present it to the organisational assistant of their degree programme, who checks the validity with the Swiss "COVID Certificate Check" app and records the validity date. The registration can take place on site as of Monday, 27 September. Please present a new certificate in good time before it expires. This rule applies regardless of whether you received the certificate due to vaccinations, recovery or negative test results.

Proof of negative test result from the company test:

According to the decision of the government of the Grisons, persons who can show negative results from the company tests are treated equally to persons with a certificate. Therefore, if you do not have a Covid 19 certificate that is valid in Switzerland, you can take part in the free company tests of the UAS Grisons. Test kits are available at locations A, B, E, I in Chur and in Zurich at the Limmatstrasse location. In addition to the bring stations in our buildings, samples can also be handed in at the [collection points of the canton](#). Our company test has a validity of 72 hours. The negative test evidence must be sent by e-mail to [notfall@fhgr.ch](mailto:notfall@fhgr.ch) so that it can be stored in the system. The synchronisation of the data takes place overnight, **which is why the proof must be submitted by 5 p.m. the day before the class.**

*Take note:*

- The acceptance of negative test results from the company tests for internal use only applies in the canton of Grisons and at the Zurich site. The Director of Studies will provide information on the regulations applicable at the Bern location.
- For all study programmes, classes will be streamed at a minimum if students are unable to attend on-site for more than one week due to Corona measures. Students who are affected should contact the Director of Studies in good time.

### **Waiver of compulsory masks and distance rules**

With the certificate obligation, students will no longer be required to wear protective masks and observe distance rules in the classrooms as of 18 October. The obligation to wear protective masks and the distance rules outside the classrooms, for example in the corridors, will continue to apply.

### **Walk-in vaccination offer**

The canton of Grisons is setting up a walk-in vaccination station at the UAS Grisons in Chur next week. The vaccinations will take place on 28 and 30 September and on 26 and 28 October between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at SIL on Site A. They will be carried out by medical professionals from the cantonal vaccination team and will be medically supervised. All students, lecturers, employees as well as external persons or persons from outside the canton who are resident in Switzerland can take part without prior registration. Children over the age of 12 can also be vaccinated. All that is required is a health insurance card, an identification card (ID or passport) and, if available, a vaccination card.

With these measures, we would like to offer all university members the best possible structures for study, research and work in the current times. On our website [fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus](https://fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus) you will always find an up-to-date summary of all details and rules (refectory, library, etc.).

If you are affected by an infection with the coronavirus, please inform us at [notfall@fhgr.ch](mailto:notfall@fhgr.ch).

Case numbers are stabilising and even trending downwards. With the colder season approaching as well as the expected travel during the autumn holidays, further efforts are needed from all of us to defeat this pandemic. For your support in implementing the certificate obligation for the benefit of the health of all and our university community in particular, I sincerely thank you. I wish you a successful new academic year.

Yours sincerely, Jürg Kessler

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