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Implementation of the certificate requirement at the UAS Grisons: Update

Important: If you wish to fulfil the certificate obligation by means of tests, you must already have a valid negative test result for the coming block week for on-site teaching at any time. For the first two attendance days, you must use an external test and for the other attendance days, starting with the first attendance day, you must take the company test. Details below.

Dear students,

In order to be able to fully return to face-to-face teaching, we informed on 24 September about the implementation of the certificate obligation as of 18 October 2021 at our university. In the meantime, detailed questions have been clarified with the cantonal crisis team and the deputy cantonal doctor. It is very important to us to implement a uniform regulation for all members of the university, in keeping with our value of "respect". Accordingly, the certificate obligation applies to all students and lecturers as well as to all permanent employees without exception.

Case 1: Proof with Covid-19 certificate on the basis of "vaccination" or "recovery"

Covid 19 certificates for students, lecturers and staff based on vaccination/recovery are recorded centrally. All those who have not already done so, please catch up with one of the administrations. Thank you. Participation in the company test is still possible for these members of the UAS Grisons.

Case 2: Proof of negative test results

Proof for students, lecturers and staff is provided through external or internal operational testing. The total duration of the tests comprises the test time (e.g. spitting, nasal swab), the notification of the test result until the test expiry date. The negative test is **only valid from the announcement of the negative test result until the test expires**.

In the case of operational tests, this means that the total period expires after 72 hours. The validity starts from the notification of the negative test decision until expiry after 72 hours. At present, 1½ to 2 days must be expected for the laboratory evaluation. Thus, the negative test result is valid for **about 1 to 1½ days**. We can offer the operational test free of charge as long as it is financed by the canton. The UAS Grisons cannot cover the costs of external tests.

Due to the evaluation dates, no valid negative test results are possible for Monday and Tuesday from our operational tests. External testing facilities must be used in this case. The responsibility for testing in time to be able to present a negative result lies with each and every individual. These costs cannot be borne by the UAS Grisons. The same procedure applies if you start at the UAS Grisons on a different day and have not already been able to submit your daily operational tests twice. If you are at the UAS Grisons for more than two days, you have to hand in a **daily operational test for each additional day**. To do this, you must start on the first day of your presence at the UAS Grisons.

As of today, test results are to be recorded in the intranet individually as follows:

1. Go to <https://my.fhgr.ch>;
2. Log in;
3. Select the Covid tab to the right of the emergency address and help tabs;
4. Select the type of test under self-recording, e.g. operational testing of the UAS Grisons.

Please note that for the tests, the **date of sampling** must be entered, not the date until which the negative test result is valid. The system automatically calculates the validity period based on the type of test. Please upload the proof (mail, screenshot, etc.). The proofs will be checked by the UAS Grisons. The self-recording replaces the mail to notfall@fhgr.ch.

Classes on site

In justified exceptional cases, external lecturers with neither a valid certificate nor a negative test result may, in consultation with the director of studies, conduct the teaching online. The students are informed by the lecturer. In addition, the directors of studies are responsible for informing about the reserved room on site as well as the need for a headset. For internal lecturers and all other employees, the department management decides at the request of the head of studies. If students are unable to attend on site for more than one week due to corona measures, the teaching will be streamed.

Implementation of the block week

In order to be able to teach **on site** during the block week, all participants (students, staff, lecturers) must have a valid certificate (recovery/vaccination) or a negative test result on each day on site in accordance with case 1 or case 2. If the certificate has not been registered with the administration or the negative test result **has not been registered in advance** via the intranet, this will be done immediately on the first day and checked by the lecturer or supervisor on site. The director of studies will inform students about possible alternatives, such as streaming. For excursions during the block week, the rules of the UAS Grisons apply; if those of the host are stricter, these will be adopted.

Solidarity to deal with the pandemic

The introduction of compulsory certification allows us to finally return to a kind of normality. The long-awaited face-to-face classes are possible again and we can meet on site. I am very happy about the buzzing rooms at the UAS Grisons. Moreover, with the introduction of compulsory certification, we are also exercising our social solidarity to end this pandemic as quickly as possible. We have bravely embarked on tackling the pandemic and we are helping to shape the future with all our knowledge in a sustainable way. And so our university vision "As an agile university, we are courageously and sustainably helping to shape the future" suddenly takes on a whole new meaning.

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