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Dear students

In a nutshell:

What's changing:

- The last two weeks of teaching before the final module examinations (Week 02 and Week 03) will be conducted in online mode.
- Certificates of booster vaccinations are to be registered.

What remains the same:

- 3G and mandatory masks
- Written module final examinations will be conducted on site, oral online.

We have barely started the new year and are already under heavy pressure again in the battle against the ongoing corona pandemic. The number of cases has skyrocketed in recent days, and the highly contagious virus variant Omicron is spreading rapidly. It is of great concern to the university management to protect all university members as well as possible during this once again critical phase and at the same time to maintain the university's daily routine in the best possible quality.

Change to online teaching in calendar weeks 2 and 3

The semester is drawing to a close, with the three exam weeks beginning on 24 January 2022. To avoid contagion before the exams as best as possible, the university management has decided to conduct the remaining week of teaching (calendar week 02) and the block week (calendar week 03) online. From Monday, 10 January 2022, until the start of the examination weeks, teaching will in principle take place virtually.

Written examinations will remain on site, as well as excursions and laboratory activities that are necessary for the achievement of the learning objectives.

Final module examinations

As already announced, the final module examinations will be conducted in writing on site and orally online. Further details can be found on the website <u>fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus</u> under «What does this mean for me as a student». For the on-site examinations, the 3G rule and a protective mask obligation will apply as in the classroom. Anyone who cannot produce a valid Covid certificate will be excluded from the exams. We recommend that you get tested free of charge at an authorised place (pharmacy, etc.) on the evening before the exam and upload the result immediately on the intranet.

In case of an emergency, it is also possible to have a rapid antigen test conducted by appointment at the UAS Grisons before the examinations between 7.30 and 8.00 a.m. and 12.30 and 1.00 p.m.. Such an appointment must be booked on the day before the examination

via <u>notfall@fhgr.ch</u>. Anyone wishing to register for these rapid tests for the entire examination period must do so no later than Wednesday, 19 January 2022. Details of this registration will be sent out in a later email.

Meals during the exam weeks are available in the refectories of the UAS Grisons. Details can be found on the website (<u>fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus</u>). The refectories are only accessible internally, the 3G rule applies there as well as the obligation to have a seat and wear a protective mask.

Procedure for people who test positive

Anyone who tests positive in the rapid antigen test must go home and observe the isolation period imposed by cantonal regulations. As soon as it is clear when the isolation ends, the study management must be informed so that the tests can be planned. This also applies to persons who are already in isolation at the beginning of the examination weeks. Examinations that can still be attended regularly must be taken on site accordingly. The missed assessments can be made up on alternative dates.

Registering booster certificates

Many university members have already received a third vaccination. In order to continue to facilitate everyday university procedures, we therefore ask that you also register the new certificates in our system. This can again be done on site at the administration or soon on the intranet.

If you have any questions, please contact the emergency team at <u>notfall@fhgr.ch</u>. All further information concerning the Corona measures at the UAS Grisons will be continuously updated at <u>fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus</u>.

In this way, we hope to be able to conclude the autumn semester as regularly as possible and to enable all participants to have successful final module examinations. The crisis has come to a head again and it is important to stay strong and take responsibility together. We would like to thank you for your great commitment and understanding.

We wish you good health, good luck and success in the new year.

Your's truly,

Jürg Kessler, President, Head of Crisis Management