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## **Lifting of measures at the UAS Grisons**

Dear students

In a nutshell:

### **What changes:**

- The certificate requirement will be lifted.
- Masks are no longer compulsory at the UAS Grisons. However, protective masks can still be worn voluntarily.
- The refectories are open again at both locations.
- The university sports programme can once again be offered in full from the spring semester onwards.

### **What remains the same:**

- The spring semester will start in classroom mode.

Today a ray of hope shines in these pandemic times and heralds the return to a new normality. The Federal Council has decided to repeal the Covid 19 Regulation Special Situation in a single step and, as of tomorrow, Thursday 17 February 2022, to dispense with most of the measures adopted in recent months. For you as students, new ways of being together and interacting will once again be possible. The Federal Council plans to return to a state of normality by the end of March this year.

### **Abolition of certificate and mask requirement**

With immediate effect, the certificate and mask requirements have been lifted at the UAS Grisons. Regardless of certificate status, all students may attend classes on site. The certificate data will be deleted from our systems at the end of the month. However, those who have symptoms should still stay at home. The possibility of being tested at the UAS Grisons with a rapid antigen test will be discontinued with immediate effect.

However, this complete opening is also associated with epidemiological risks, which is why it is still important to exercise caution. These relaxations do not mean relief for everyone. The fresh start into the new semester should be successful, and mental health in particular is central to this. Anyone who would like to take advantage of support options can find them on the Corona website [fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus](https://fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus) under "Where can I find support" and "How do I stay healthy". Your health is very important to us.

## **Spring semester in face-to-face classes**

The relaxations now allow us to definitely start the spring semester on site. We are pleased that you will once again be able to enjoy the benefits of a face-to-face university. Nevertheless, we will continue to pursue the blended learning approach and adopt the positive experiences of the past months. Your head of studies will inform you where streaming offerings will continue to be available from 21 February 2022. Not all offerings will continue to be hybrid. The oral and written performance assessments during the semester will again be conducted on site.

The remaining days of the block week will take place as planned. You will be informed about any excursions or study trips as well as the necessary protection concepts by the heads of studies. We are very pleased that we will be able to offer the entire university sports programme of the UAS Grisons as normal again with the start of the spring semester. In addition, both refectories will be in operation again as of 17 February.

The protection concept of the UAS Grisons is currently being updated and will soon be uploaded to the Corona website [fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus](https://fhgr.ch/en/coronavirus) - where all other information on current university operations will also be continuously updated.

I wish you a good end to the block week and then, above all, a successful start to the new semester. We look forward to spending time with you in person.

Yours, Jürg Kessler

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