

Information on Coronavirus Self-Tests for Participants of In-Person Courses

Self-tests only supplement the established infection protection rules!

The self-tests provided by the University of Münster serve to make in-person courses which are permitted by law safer for all participants. They supplement the established rules on distancing, hygiene, face masks and the regular ventilation of used rooms.

When and how often should I take a self-test?

If possible, self-tests should be taken on the same day that students and instructors will be participating in in-person courses which are permitted in accordance with current regulations. Participants should take a self-test before the start of their first course on that day.

What should I do if I have several courses in one day?

Self-tests should be administered before the start of the first course of the day. In subsequent courses during the day, simply inform the instructor that you have taken the test and received a negative test result. You are not required to present proof of your test result.

How do I obtain a test and where should I take it?

Each faculty is responsible for deciding on when and how self-tests are distributed to students and instructors. For more information about distribution procedures, please contact the faculty whose course you plan to attend. If you receive your self-test at the start of a course, the respective faculty will provide suitable conditions for taking the test – obviously in compliance with the infection protection rules.

What should I do if I receive a positive test result?

If your self-test indicates a positive result, you are obliged to verify your test with a second PCR test. Until you obtain a negative PCR test result, you must try to avoid contact with all persons unless absolutely necessary (see § 13 Coronavirus Testing Quarantine Regulations, CoronaTestQuarantäneVO).

- If you receive a positive result at the start of your course, leave the building without endangering others in strict compliance with the infection protection rules. Go straight home or to a testing site where you can obtain a PCR test (usually from a general practitioner (GP) or a municipal test centre; for addresses, visit https://www.muenster.de/corona_testungen.html).
- If you receive a positive result while still at home, do not come to the University. Instead, arrange to have yourself tested with a PCR test (usually from a GP).

What should I do if the PCR test comes out positive?

According to § 8 (1, 2) of the Infection Protection Act, the health authorities must be informed of all persons who receive a positive PCR test result, and the infected individual must enter quarantine. The health department (*Gesundheitsamt*) will notify you about any additional steps you must take.

If you test positive after taking a PCR test, please inform the University by email at coronameldekette@uni-muenster.de. This information will help us to quickly trace anyone whom you may have had direct contact with at the University.

Who should I contact if I have other questions?

If you have any other questions, students should write to: corona.studentinfo@uni-muenster.de.

Additional information FOR INSTRUCTORS

Does the course still take place if one of the students tests positive in a self-test?

With or without the self-test, compliance with the infection protection rules has top priority when it comes to protecting oneself against infection. Our assumption is that these rules are strictly observed at all times. Consequently, if everyone always complies with these rules, the courses may take place with those who have tested negative.

May I exclude students from a course if they refuse to take a self-test?

Self-tests are voluntary. Asymptomatic students who refuse to take a self-test may not be excluded from participating in courses. There is no legal basis for exclusion. Likewise, domiciliary rights offer no legal basis for excluding asymptomatic students either. And obviously, the same applies to instructors.

Do self-test results have to be certified? Can I ask students for proof of a negative test result before giving my course?

As a rule, the results of voluntary self-tests need not be certified. Therefore, instructors may not demand proof of a negative self-test result.

Who should I contact if I have other questions?

If you have any further questions, instructors should write to: corona.lehre@uni-muenster.de.

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