

Münster, 04.06.2021

Dear Students,

Last Friday we received a new version of the General Directive for Conducting Courses, Practical Elements and Examinations at Universities in NRW (AV) to take effect on Monday. The new AV calls for mandatory coronavirus testing for in-person courses and loosens additional pandemic-related restrictions. Until the crisis management team can arrive at a decision, the following regulations shall apply in the coming week:

1. Lab practicals, individual musical instruction and sport classes are still allowed to take place irrespective of how many semesters the students have been enrolled.

NEW: These students are required to take a coronavirus test. To participate, students must provide proof of a negative test result (valid for 48 hours) or proof of immunisation.

The University has already provided the respective faculties with a sufficient number of self-tests for these courses. Ideally, it should be possible to conduct these tests at the start of the in-person course. If for some reason this is not possible, we ask you to take advantage of the free resident tests. You can find a list of testing centres in Münster at: https://www.muenster.de/corona_testungen.html.

If you can provide proof of immunisation due to full convalescence from Covid-19 or complete vaccination, you need not present a negative coronavirus test result. Please be sure to take along the respective medical certificate, your vaccination booklet etc. to prove your immunisation status.

2. First-, second- and final-semester students are permitted to attend additive and hybrid in-person teaching elements with no more than 50 participants.

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Mandatory testing begins on Monday. Due to the low rates of incidence, the testing mandate may change on short notice. We will promptly inform you of any changes in this regard.

We ask you to continue following the established hygiene rules and do what you can to ensure that Münster remains at Incidence Level 1 (under 35). By doing so, we hope that further steps can be taken to open up the University.

Regardless of whatever restrictions are lifted, we remain committed to allowing the summer semester to conclude in digital form.

With kind regards,

Prof. Johannes Wessels, Rector
Matthias Schwarte, Head of Administration