Framework Regulations for Teaching and Holding Examinations On Site at the University of Rostock during Limited Operations to Combat the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic

(appplies to the University of Rostock, not University Medicine)

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(preliminary, subject to the Coronavirus State Ordinance M-V).

1 Preface

This document provides framework regulations for teaching and holding examinations on site at the University of Rostock, which comply with the State’s regulations and the general hygiene and self-distancing regulations. Classes such as excursions or classes that require work in laboratories or rooms with specialist equipment (including teaching practice) may be subject to extra regulations (see service portal (DLP)). These regulations apply analogously to examinations taking place as part of such courses.

The protection against infection regulations listed below apply to students at the University of Rostock. Members of teaching staff are also subject to the general regulations defined by state authorities and the regulations for employees as displayed on the DLP and which still apply.

2 Planning and Holding Classes and Examinations Being Held on Site at the University of Rostock (both inside and out)

As a general rule, the decision as to whether a class or examination is to be held (hereinafter called ‘event’) on site, in a digital or in a hybrid format, is to be made by the respective member of staff who is responsible for the course or examination (usually the chair holder), but must be discussed with the faculty’s or institution’s management due to organisational reasons (in particular with regard to the capacity of the rooms whilst complying with the Hygiene Plan). The corresponding times of the events must be entered into LSF. The LSF entries serve as the central source of information with regard to necessary measures for cleaning and disinfection, automatic ventilation as well as the unlocking and locking of buildings. All events, including events being held online, must be entered correspondingly in LSF.

- The University of Rostock’s following rules apply to classes and examinations that are being held on site in rooms belonging to the University or in rooms elsewhere that have been hired by the University. The person responsible for the course/examination is also responsible for making sure the rules are observed.
  - The events must be planned in such a way that, as a general rule:
    - a minimum diagonal distance of 1m (chequerboard seating arrangement) should be observed within the lecture hall/classroom. (Please take note of the corresponding room occupancy plans (accessible on DLP).
    - If an appropriate distance can not be assured it is strongly recommended that distance will be reduced only fully vaccinated and recovered people (2G status).
  - Students who are, for excusable reasons*, unable to participate in teaching formats pursuant to the valid legal regulations, must be provided with adequate alternative offers that enable them to meet the learning and qualification objectives.
  - Professional face masks (FFP2) are strongly recommended to worn not only in areas of the buildings that are
accessible to the general public (corridors, entrance halls, kitchens etc.), but also in the rooms in which events are being held. The professional face masks (FFP2) should be worn as soon as persons enter the buildings’ entrance areas (including ‘waiting areas’). Only persons, who are unable to wear a medical face mask or professional face mask due to health-related reasons are exempt from this regulation. Exemption from the obligation to wear a face mask is only granted to persons who are able to present a doctor’s certificate. The mask should only be removed for identification purposes, consuming food or drink, or taking medication etc., or by presenters if a minimum distance of 1.5 m is observed.

- If the regulations on distance or the wearing of a face mask cannot be assured during classes (e.g. during physical exercise) it is strongly recommended the special hygiene measures will be defined.
- Contact details of the participants will not be collected. The use of the Corona-Warn-App by QR-Codes provided for the rooms is strongly recommended (Notes on handling the Corona warning app [de]).
- The participants must be informed about the general rules and hygiene measures when they are accepted for the event and at the start of teaching or examination, and they must submit an acknowledgement of the regulations prior to the start of the course or examination (e.g. via Stud.IP). The handout for the participants detailing the University of Rostock’s general hygiene measures is available on the service portal.
- Persons, who are in quarantine subject to the provisions of the federal Coronavirus-Einreiseverordnung (Coronavirus Entry Ordinance), may not take part in a class or examination being held on site unless they are in possession of a medical certificate that substantially rules out the possibility of infection and was issued within the last 48 hours. Participants are informed about these regulations following successful registration and at the start of the event.
- Persons displaying typical symptoms of a COVID-19 infection pursuant to the current criteria of the Robert Koch Institute (https://www.rki.de/covid-19-steckbrief) may only take part in events being held on site (including examinations) if they are able to provide a negative result from a PCR or POC test (rapid test) that is no older than 48 hours.

3 Using Rooms and Equipment

- All rooms in which events are being held that are not equipped with ventilation systems must be aired regularly. Information about the correct airing of rooms [de] can be found on the DLP. The respective member of teaching staff is responsible for sufficiently airing the rooms.
- Surfaces, such as tables and chairs that were used previously by other persons and could have been covered in droplets due to speaking etc. can be cleaned by the respective students or members of teaching staff prior to use. As cleaning wipes or similar cannot be provided in all rooms, if required, they must be provided by the students or members of staff themselves.
- Equipment that is used by several persons, such as microphones, keyboards, displays and lecterns etc. must be cleaned prior to use. They must be cleaned by the persons who plan to use them.

4 Opening of the Buildings/Rooms

- The buildings and rooms (in particular seminar rooms and pc-pools) will be open as usually. The respective valid regulations for accessing buildings [de] and hygiene regulations [de] apply.
- Access routes within the buildings must be marked correspondingly and observed. The students must be informed in advance of the opening and closing times of the buildings and any special regulations regarding the access routes.

* Health-related reasons (with medical certificate), quarantine or similar.

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1 e.g. provision of commercially available cleaning wipes via faculties/institutions.
2 e.g. with commercially available cleaning wipes that are to be provided by the faculties/institutions