

Dear colleagues,

On 14 December 2021, the Bavarian Council of Ministers passed amendments to the 15th regulation on infection prevention and control measures (*Infektionsschutzmaßnahmenverordnung*) that are of relevance to our university. In the following, I would like to provide some information concerning these amendments. Additionally, due to the current online study phase and the upcoming Christmas holidays, I would like to inform you about a temporary change in our buildings' opening hours as well as changed hours of operation for the Studentenwerk's dining halls and cafeterias.

1. Changes to employee access

Due to the adopted amendments, **the previous requirement that unvaccinated or non-recovered employees submit PCR tests (3G+) is, with immediate effect, no longer valid.** A **daily rapid test carried out under supervision before starting work** is sufficient (e.g. the free citizen's test).

Due to this change, we are planning to re-establish a supervised rapid testing service at the university on certain days of the week. However, this will take a few days. If you currently require rapid tests, we therefore ask that you contact the established public testing services. As before, one rapid antigen test per week is provided free of charge as a so-called citizen's test. We kindly ask you to settle any costs for additional tests with the respective test centres directly. According to existing legal regulations, these costs are to be borne by the employees themselves and cannot be reimbursed by the university.

We will inform you as soon as we have established a location and procedure for administering supplementary, supervised rapid tests at the University of Bamberg.

Please note that the administration of the tests does not count as working time.

Monitoring of 3G compliance will continue to be carried out on a random basis by the security personnel with whom you are familiar. Additionally, supervisors are at liberty to carry out checks of their staff themselves. For more detailed information, please see my newsletter of 5 November 2021.

2. Opening hours of university buildings

A transition from in-person teaching to an "online study period before Christmas" took place on 13 December 2021. This online phase will be in effect up to and including 23 December 2021. The basic principle that all employees must work from home continues to apply, excepting for cases in which the respective activity can be performed neither fully nor partially from home or where urgent business reasons require the presence of the employee(s) on site.

In order to conserve resources (personnel, energy) and to protect buildings and facilities, the closing time of university buildings has been moved forward to **8:00 p.m.** Please take this into account for your own planning. In the event that you do need to be in a building after 8 p.m., please contact the respective facilities management staff at:

City centre: hausverwaltung-innenstadt.td@uni-bamberg.de

Feki: hausverwaltung-feki.td@uni-bamberg.de

Erba: hausverwaltung-erba.td@uni-bamberg.de

3. Hours of operation for dining halls and cafeterias in Bamberg

The Studentenwerk Würzburg has also informed us about current hours of operation for dining halls and cafeterias in Bamberg. For details, please see the attached schedule provided by the Studentenwerk.

I would like to thank you again for your understanding and flexibility.

I wish you and your families a restful, peaceful and restorative holiday season, and hope you have a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dagmar Steuer-Flieser