Workplace Hygiene Policy - HFBK Hamburg
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Preamble

The HFBK Hamburg’s hygiene policy is designed to help keep all members of the University as safe and healthy as possible and to help prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The most effective way of preventing the spread of the virus is to avoid group gatherings and maintain the recommended distance of 1.5 meters between individuals and the consistent wearing of medical masks. Presence operation is only possible to a very limited extent until further notice.

The HFBK is putting various measures in place to ensure that students receive as much support as possible during this difficult time. For this to be possible, it is essential that all staff and students comply with the following guidelines.

General Guidelines

1. Personal hygiene
   - Do not enter the HFBK if there are signs of infection or contact with ill persons.
   - Corona-positive tested students are to report immediately to the Registrar, Ms. Neubauer (anna.neubauer@hfbk.hamburg.de with CC ute.reiter@hfbk.hamburg.de), indicating all "relevant" contacts from the university environment.
   - Employees tested positive for Corona must report immediately to the Human Resources Department (personal@hfbk.hamburg.de).
   - Keep your distance. Wherever possible, a minimum of 1.5 meters distance must be maintained between individuals.
   - Wearing a medical mask is compulsory in the general circulation areas of the university (entrance area, auditorium, staircases, corridors). (https://www.hamburg.de/corona-maske/14847194/medizinische-masken/)

2. Hygiene measures on University sites
   - General guidelines on infection prevention are displayed in all buildings and at the entrances.
   - The event rooms as well as the offices and sanitary facilities are professionally cleaned. Disinfection is not currently considered necessary.
   - However, rooms should be aired every 20 minutes for several minutes also during events, ideally through cross-ventilation (opening windows on each side of the room) before and after each use.
   - Soap and paper towels are available in the sanitary facilities, as well as hygiene instructions for proper hand washing.
   - Surface sanitiser can be obtained from the Facilities team (’Hausservice’) if needed.
3. **organizational measures to avoid crowds**
   - The minimum distance of 1.5 meters between individuals must be maintained at all times.
   - The administration is to be contacted preferably by e-mail or telephone. Regular office hours are not currently offered.
   - Lifts may only be used by one person at a time. The Facilities team will display notices on the lift doors with this information.

4. **Public events, committee meetings and business travel**
   - No public events will take place at the HFBK until further notice.
   - The University is closed to the public.
   - Panel meetings requiring masks are only held as face-to-face meetings if compliance with hygiene rules and, in particular, the distance of 1.5 meters can be ensured. Otherwise, online formats are to be preferred.
   - Business trips be requested from the President or the chancellor. The quarantine and testing obligations applicable in each case must be observed.

5. **Examinations**
   - The minimum distance of 1.5 meters between individuals must be maintained at all times during examinations.
   - All test participants must wear medical masks. The HFBK provides FFP2 masks for this purpose.
   - The examination venue must be aired for several minutes before and after each examination by opening all the windows in the examination halls to their full extent. If possible, a window should remain open during the examination itself.
   - Members of the University who are not directly involved in the examination must not enter the examination venues until further notice. However, students may admit up to two further students or ASTA members to their examination.

6. **Track and Trace policy**
   - Students sign in and out using the provided smart cards (available for pickup at the gate) when coming and leaving the Lerchenfeld 2, Wartenau 15 or Finkenau 42 buildings via the service terminals.
   - Employees are exempt from registration and deregistration because their contact details and attendance times are known.
   - External persons who have an arranged appointment at the university sign in at the gate of the main building Lerchenfeld and give their name, mobile number and the premises where they will be staying. Before leaving the university, they report to the gate again to sign out.

7. **Pregnant employees and students**
- It must be possible to reliably maintain the applicable minimum distance and hygiene measures from pregnant employees and students.
- If this is not possible, organizational or technical protective measures must be taken to exclude hazards.

Guidelines for individual areas

1. Using the studios
   - The minimum distance of 1.5 metres between individuals must be maintained while using the studios.
   - Students must wear medical masks when more than one person is present in the room.
   - The University will stipulate the maximum number of people allowed to work in each studio at any one time, and this information will be displayed on the door of each studio.
   - Teaching staff are responsible for organising the layout of the spaces where they teach.
   - Students currently preparing for examinations will be given priority use of the studios.
   - Group feedback sessions can still take place, as long as the number of people attending does not exceed the maximum number allowed for the room. Even then, masks are mandatory.
   - Students and staff should bring their own working materials as far as possible, or set aside certain materials in the studios for their personal use. If this is not possible, then the user must ensure that the materials are disinfected when he or she has finished using them. Disinfecting cleansers can be obtained from the Facilities team.

2. Workshops
   - The minimum distance of 1.5 meters between individuals must be maintained while using the workshops.
   - The HFBK Hamburg provides FFP2 masks for working in the workshops.
   - Working in the workshops is only possible after presenting a negative test certificate (not older than 12 hours), a coronavirus vaccination certificate (the 2nd vaccination must be at least 14 days old) or a convalescence certificate (positive PCR test result, which must be at least 28 days old, but also not older than six months). Convalescently vaccinated persons are already considered fully vaccinated after the first vaccination.
   - Other provisions are regulated by the individual hygiene concepts of the workshops.

3. The Library
   - The Access is limited to 13 people (members of the HFBK).
   - The library is only open to university staff.
   - All other regulations are governed by the library’s hygiene concept.

4. Lecture halls and seminar rooms (Aula, Hörsaal, 11, 213 a/b, 213, Aula Wartenau, Seminarraum Wartenau)
   - The Executive Board is responsible for stipulating the maximum number of users for each room.
- The approved room layout and maximum permitted number of users will be displayed in each room.
- The layout must not be altered.
- These rooms must be pre-booked with Ms. Kowalewski and must not be used until Ms. Kowalewski has confirmed the booking (laura.kowalewski@hfbk.hamburg.de).
- Each room must be aired before and after each use through opening the windows to their full extent. Opening the windows just at the top (‘Kippen’) is not sufficient for this purpose.
- The minimum distance of 1.5 meters between individuals must be maintained at all times.

5. Administrative Offices
- Administrative staff can work together again without masks in an office room if they have been vaccinated or have recovered, if the minimum distance of 1.5 metres can be maintained or if technical protective measures, such as partition walls, are installed in such a way that they can reliably prevent the spread of droplets. Meetings with several participants can take place on site again if the distance and hygiene rules are observed.
- Administrative staff can receive 2 tests per week for their own use, provided they work mainly on site. They can also use the tests offered at the Antares pharmacy.
- In addition, the hygiene concepts of the individual departments apply.

6. Test center
- The Antares pharmacy in Hammoniabad, Lerchenfeld 14, offers rapid antigen testing for SARS-CoV-2 via a nasopharyngeal swab for university staff. The testing station is located in a separate area in the entrance to Hammoniabad on the left. An appointment can be booked in advance via the following link: https://app.no-q.info/antares-apotheke-lerchenfeld/checkins#/497/2021-07-05.
- After booking, you will receive a booking confirmation. This allows you to check that you have entered your email address correctly. The test result will be sent to the email address you provided 20 minutes after the test. A negative test result is valid for 24 hours.