



HKB protection concept Covid 19, Version 13

Basically, the hygiene and behavioral measures of the federal government, the canton of Bern and the Covid-19 framework protection concept of the BFH apply. These regulations and the following clarifications are to be supplemented, where appropriate, according to the specific situation. In particular, the HKB divisions may issue specific regulations that go beyond the existing concept.

Classroom teaching for Bachelor's and Master's degrees

In principle, face-to-face teaching with a mask and a certificate is permitted. Lecturers may remove their mask if the minimum distance of 1.5m is observed. Students may only remove their masks if this is absolutely necessary for teaching purposes (e.g. teaching wind instruments), provided that the minimum distance is maintained. The respective lecturers are responsible for ensuring that these safety measures are met, as well as for carrying out certificate spot checks using the "COVID Certificate Check". In addition, centrally organized spot checks will be carried out. People without a mask or certificate will be asked to leave the building.

Classroom teaching in further education

Further education courses are held online whenever possible. If the presence is indispensable, the lessons can be conducted under 2G (vaccinated, recovered) and with mask. Exceptions to this are exams, which may be conducted under 3G and mask.

Employees / Home Office

Wherever possible and reasonable, work must be done within a home office setting. Line managers are responsible for ensuring compliance with protective measures and for random checks of certificates using the "COVID Certificate Check" app.

Certificate

There is a general certificate requirement for all persons in all indoor areas. Outdoors, the requirement for a certificate only applies to events. Children and adolescents under the age of 16 are generally exempt from the certificate requirement.

For study trips abroad, participants must provide that they have been vaccinated or have recovered. Study trips must therefore not be mandatory study components.

Obligation to wear a mask

There is a general obligation to wear a mask indoors.

The wearing of a mask can be waived:

- In areas that are not accessible to the public (offices, laboratories, meeting rooms), if there is only one person in the room.
- For eating and drinking, when seated, provided the minimum distance is maintained.
- For performances, provided the minimum distance to the audience is maintained
- Outdoors (up to 300 people)
- If you are still a child (up to the age of 12)
- If you have a medical certificate exempting you from wearing a mask

Protective masks are to be brought along by the participants themselves, but can also be purchased for CHF 1 at the secretariats.

Under a special arrangement, the wearing of masks can be waived for lessons in the theatre department if a PCR test is carried out daily. The department regulates the details.

Distance

If possible, a minimum distance of 1.5m from other people must be maintained at all times, even during break times and at counters etc. Seating arrangements or queues must be arranged accordingly. In special cases, where directional breathing / wind occurs (e.g. wind instruments, singing), the minimum distances are increased if possible, using common sense. If plexiglass walls are used, the minimum distance can be reduced.

Events (performances, concerts, etc. also with external audiences)

For indoor events, the public is generally required to have a 2G certificate (vaccinated, recovered) and to be seated. The organizers may tighten to 2G+ then the obligation to sit and wear a mask does not apply. 2G+ means vaccinated or recovered + tested. Outside there is a 3G certificate obligation from 300 persons.

Systematic access control must be carried out, during which the Covid certificate is checked using the "COVID Certificate Check" app and the identity of the person is verified with an official ID (identity card, driving licence, passport). Events with external visitors must be registered in advance and a responsible person designated. This must be made via the following link: www.bfh.ch/de/aktuell/corona/formular-veranstaltungen-corona.

For events with more than 1000 people, a cantonal permit must be obtained and a specific protection concept must be drawn up.

Apéros, Christmas parties and similar events.

Such events are not permitted. Neither indoors nor outdoors and also not in external premises such as restaurants.

Washing of hands / Cleaning

Anyone arriving at a HKB building is required to wash their hands in the existing toilet facilities or use the disinfectants provided. The cleaning staff clean the WC facilities and door handles at least once per day.

When rooms are occupied by rotating groups, heavily used surfaces (such as tables, keyboards, door handles etc.) must be cleaned at the beginning of use with the cleaning agents provided. The first group of the day do not need to do this, as the cleaning staff will have already disinfected the space in the early morning.

Ventilation

No special measures are necessary in mechanically ventilated or even air-conditioned rooms. All other rooms should be ventilated before and after use, and at least every hour.

General behaviour

Anyone who feels ill should stay at home. In the case of a positive test, the head of the study programme or supervisor must be informed immediately. They should inform Nina Grunder immediately via e-mail: nina.grunder@hkb.bfh.ch

In the music department, the contact person is: marlene.tschopp@hkb.ch.

Basically, only one's own instruments are played and one's own pens and props etc. are used. Where this is not possible, the instruments or other equipment should be cleaned after use. A soap-based cleaning agent is sufficient.

In general, spitting and draining condensation (wind instruments) onto the floor is to be avoided. The home-office obligation has been lifted. Instead, voluntary mass tests are now conducted weekly among students and staff.

Members of a risk group

Members of a risk group should contact their head of degree programme or supervisor. Adapted solutions will be found.

Vaccination

The HKB strongly recommends that everyone get vaccinated.

Tests

Students and employees of the HKB have the opportunity to be tested regularly free of charge and are thus able to obtain a certificate for free. Those who have already been vaccinated are also invited to be tested regularly. The details are outlined in a separate test concept.

Validity

This thirteenth version of the HKB Protection Concept replaces the previous twelfth version (valid since December 2, 2021). It comes into force on December 23, 2021 and is valid until further notice.

The protection concept at Gastrosuisse also applies to the Buffet Nord on Fellerstrasse.

22 December 2021, Daniel Matzenmüller, Head of Administration HKB