

## General Hygiene Framework

We hope to have continuous attendance classes this school year and therefore continue to pursue our high safety standards. Yesterday evening we received a new KMS from the Bavarian State Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs regarding the general conditions for the new school year.

As you surely know, the seven-day incidence is no longer a criterion in almost all areas of society. Thus, even beyond an incidence of 100, there will be no minimum distance between classes at schools, as long as the so-called hospital traffic light does not put this into perspective.

Until 1 October 2021, masks will be compulsory in all grades, regardless of the incidence - even after taking the seat or workplace. At the Gymnasium, an OP mask is compulsory; FFP2 masks no longer have to be worn. This is to take into account the special risks at the beginning of the school year (e.g. due to returning travellers).

Pupils who are unable to wear masks for medical reasons are requested to present a certificate to this effect before the start of lessons ([muenchen@phorms.de](mailto:muenchen@phorms.de)). Thank you very much.

## Testing

We strongly recommend in accordance with the statement of the Minister of Education, Prof. Dr. Dr. Piazzolo, that you test your children before they attend school next Tuesday, to ensure the safest possible start of school.

*Furthermore, according to § 13. 2 of the 14th BayIfSMV, pupils who have not been vaccinated and have not recovered may only attend classes etc. with proof of a negative test result.*

*This proof can be provided as follows:*

- *At the Gymnasium - as before - by means of a self-test provided by the school and carried out in the school under supervision.*
- *Alternatively, a negative test result can also be provided in future by a test carried out outside the school by medically trained staff (PCR test or medically comparable test or PoC antigen test).*
- *It should be noted that such a test may have been carried out no more than 48 hours ago (PCR test) or 24 hours ago (PoC antigen test). **A self-test carried out at home is still not sufficient as proof.***
- **Fully vaccinated or recovered persons therefore do not have to provide proof of testing. In this case, valid proof of vaccination or recovery must be presented to the testing teacher in each case if one does not participate in the testing and no external test proof is presented.**
- Accordingly, and in a simplifying manner, it would be very helpful if you could inform us via [muenchen@phorms.de](mailto:muenchen@phorms.de) by 17 September 2021 whether your child has already been double vaccinated or recovered. This information is of course voluntary, but would help us a lot to ensure the best possible protection against infection at the school.

Testing is being extended throughout Bavaria:

As was our practice at the end of the last school year, we will continue to test three times a week; in the shorter first week of classes, the tests will accordingly take place on Tuesday (14.09.2021), Wednesday (15.09.2021) and Friday (17.09.2021); as always, in the first lesson of each class.

**New quarantine regulation: what happens in case of a positive case in the learning group?**

Due to the Germany-wide standardised framework decided on 6 September by the Conference of Health Ministers of our country, the following applies in the case of a positive test (PCR test or recognised, medically equivalent test):

- The person tested positive must immediately go into isolation.
- For classmates, the health authorities check the situation and only order quarantine for those persons who have
  - had direct and unprotected (without a mask) contact with those who tested positive;
  - The circumstances on site are taken into account (ventilation).
  - Until the health authority decides who is to be classified as a close contact person, school attendance of the negatively tested classmates is possible.
- **Vaccinated or recovered persons who do not show COVID-19 symptoms are generally exempt from these quarantine orders.**
- In the case of a quarantine order, the quarantine ends at the earliest after 5 days if there is a valid negative test result (PCR - or medically equivalent test or antigen test carried out by medically trained staff outside the school).
- The remaining pupils in the class who are not considered close contacts by the Health Department are subject to an intensified testing regime:
  - Daily self-testing for five school days or corresponding negative test evidence after testing outside of school in each case.
  - Upon decision of the competent district administrative authority, vaccinated and recovered pupils may also be included in the intensified testing.
- **If more than one person per class tests positive and this is due to contact at school according to the decision of the health authority, the entire class will be quarantined.**

**Parent access to the school premises**

- Parents or other persons outside the school are still not allowed to enter the school grounds or building.
  - Exceptions are
    - scheduled parent-teacher meetings
    - announced events (e.g. flea market, Welcome Party Year 1 and 5)
    - Pick-up of primary school children in the afternoon.
- **In the interests of the best possible safety and the difficulty of maintaining a minimum distance, we strongly recommend that an approved mask is worn when entering the school grounds.**
- In accordance with our goal of maintaining face-to-face teaching and the greatest possible safety, we have decided to have the parents' evenings take place digitally this school year as well. This corresponds with the positive feedback from the parent survey on this procedure.

**Vaccinations**

In our email this morning you were informed that we would like to organise a vaccination programme for pupils aged 12 and over. We hope to have a good turnout.

**Mobile Air Purifiers**

During the summer holidays, Mrs von Möller looked very closely at the subject of air purification devices and, taking into account the demanding technical funding requirements, ordered very high quality devices that are specially made for our needs. The manufacturer is mainly active in the medical field. You will receive more information on this and other important topics in our newsletter on Friday, 17 September 2021.

We wish your children and also you a good start into the school year 2021/2022.

With best regards,

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