



Dear students and parents,

Here are the most recent Covid related changes that went into effect Monday, April 25:

Covid masks

- The general directives in regard to the wearing of an FFP2 mask have been done away with.
- In order to prevent any possible future spread of Covid-19, the school administration can, in conjunction with the government authorities (*Schulbehörde*), make the wearing of an FFP2 mask mandatory again.

Regulations in regard to distance learning – School specific regulations to prevent the spread of Covid 19.

- The government education authorities (*Bildungsdirektion*) can approve distance learning for individual affected classes, groups, or the entire school for a maximum of five days if deemed necessary. Before health officials pass any regulations, the school administration can issue a statement in conjunction with the BMBWF.
- If a class or school has been sent into temporary distance learning, in-school supervision must be made available to all students of mandatory school age.
- To prevent the spread of Covid 19, the school administration can, irregardless of the federal state risk situation, institute the following temporary school-specific measures:
 - ✓ Order the wearing of an FFP2 mask.
 - ✓ Change the testing frequency and type of test required.
 - ✓ Institute staggered school start and break schedule.

Hygiene provisions for final examinations

The following measures have been decided upon, in order to minimize the infection risk at school during the final exams and to ensure that as many students as possible can participate in the exams:

- During the two school weeks before the start of the final exam session, ending with the beginning of exams, a safety phase will be implemented. All students who are at school during this time will be required to show proof that they pose a low epidemiologic danger. This must be done with a negative antigen or a PCR test—with a PCR test result being required at least once per week.
- Lessons during the last five school days before the final exams, and the exam preparation lessons, may be carried out in distance learning. Exam candidates may only enter the school if they are able to submit the following verification:



- a) a negative test result from an antigen test provided and administered by the school that is no more than 24 hours old.
- b) a negative antigen test result from an authorized testing agency that is no more than 24 hours old from the time the sample was taken.
- c) a negative test result from a PCR test provided and administered by the school that is no more than 72 hours old.
- d) a negative antigen test result from an authorized testing agency that is no more than 72 hours old from the time the sample was taken.
- Those who can document a SARS-CoV-2 infection in the last 60 days are exempt from the regulations regarding testing.
- If possible, it is recommended that teachers and students get tested (at school or through an external agency) the day before each exam.

External use of classrooms

- Is allowed with the condition that there is no contact between the external non-staff persons, and students and staff.

External non-staff persons in lessons

- Lessons held by external non-school organizations or persons, as well as the cooperation with said persons or organizations, is possible, keeping an evaluation of the epidemiological situation in mind. External non-school persons participating in lessons are not required to wear a mask or take a Covid test.

School and school-related events

- Other on-site school events such as school festivals and *Matura* celebrations are allowed.

Best regards,

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