Implementation of the 2G model for courses

Dear Students and Teaching Staff,

The 55th HmbSARS-CoV-2 containment regulations dated 26 November 2021 as amended enable universities to offer courses in line with the optional 2G model.

Against the backdrop of the pandemic’s critical development, the Executive University Board and the offices of the dean have agreed that in-person courses without practical components may be conducted only in compliance with the 2G rule until further notice. This means that as of 6 December 2021, only students and teaching staff who have been vaccinated or who have recovered may attend classes in person. The 3G rule will continue to apply for practical courses (lab internships, sports courses).

For students who cannot provide 2G proof, the regulations stipulate that suitable alternatives be provided (cf. Section 22 subsection 1a). If teachers choose to continue to offer their classes in person, they can—for example—use hybrid learning approaches to enable all participants to access their courses. Ultimately, the approach used depends on the subject and person teaching it. I am asking you, the teaching staff, to discuss these matters with your colleagues in order to clarify which teaching and learning formats best suit your courses. Of course, you may continue to offer your courses entirely digitally.
Examinations that have already been set to be conducted in person can be carried out in line with the 3G rule for the time being. However, to keep the number of contacts as limited as possible throughout the pandemic, use digital formats where possible.

We are currently preparing to implement the 2G rule so that in-person courses without practical components can be taught in line with 2G conditions from 6 December 2021. Details about the implementation of the 2G rule will be provided in the instructions and the hygiene plan. You can also find out more about this in the coronavirus FAQ, so be sure to keep abreast of FAQ updates.

We see the 2G rule as a suitable and necessary measure to responsibly cope with the infection rate at the University. We ask for your understanding and support as we implement the 2G rule so that we can continue to ensure in-person teaching at our University.

Sincerely,

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