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The following rules take effect immediately and replace the current version 3.5.5 of the master plan. They are expected to remain in place until the end of March, subject to further decisions from the Federal Council.

Basic principle

For ***operational and academic activities*** (at the workplace, in meetings and lectures, in work- or study-related food and drink situations, etc.), the adapted measures serve to prevent too many infections within the ETH community, to ensure that operations can continue and to protect vulnerable people. For ***all other activities*** (e.g. social events, drinks receptions, parties, etc.), the university is following the federal government in lifting all measures.

Certificate requirement eliminated

- In accordance with federal government rules, COVID certificates are no longer required at ETH Zurich.

Mask requirement scaled back

- In order to reduce infection and absences due to illness, to protect vulnerable individuals and to ensure that classroom teaching can take place, there is a **requirement to wear a mask indoors** – with the following **exceptions**:
    - When sitting at your workplace or student workspace if you can keep a personal distance of at least 1.5 metres.
    - While eating and drinking.
    - Teaching staff can also remove their masks in lecture rooms that are suitably equipped.
- In areas where space is tight, supervisors or the unit responsible for the area in question can institute a requirement to wear a mask for those at their workplace or student workspace.

Orderly return to the workplace

- Following the Federal Council's lifting of the recommendation to work from home, ETH employees can return to the workplace.
- To minimise infection and absences due to illness, the university requests employees to partially work from home for the time being wherever operations permit.
- Supervisors should take the health concerns of their staff into consideration (e.g. by granting transition periods before their return to the workplace).

Events, meetings, workshops and retreats

- Events: There are no more mask requirements or space limitations. Organisers can require attendees to wear a mask.
- For the time being, drinks receptions and events without masks can only take place in areas that can be sectioned off or outdoors.
- Meetings, workshops and retreats: There is a requirement to wear a mask, rooms must be regularly ventilated, and a personal distance of 1.5 metres should be observed. Rule of thumb: Every second seat can be occupied. We recommend conducting virtual meetings.

Restaurants, libraries, museums, exhibits, ASVZ

- The aforementioned facilities at ETH Zurich can be visited without a COVID certificate.

Access to buildings

- All buildings are open again. Current house rules determine which groups have access (students, employees, general public).

How to proceed in the event of a COVID infection or close contact with an infected person

- Anyone with symptoms should not come to work and should take COVID test.
- Anyone who has tested positive should self-quarantine according to federal government guidelines. They are personally responsible for informing those they have been in close contact with.

- Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive should work from home wherever operations permit. They should wear a mask at the workplace at all times, avoid close contact with others and get tested between the fourth and seventh day after the contact occurred.

COVID testing centres

- Antigen rapid test centres at ETH are planned to continue to operate until the end of March (Main Building) or mid-March (Hönggerberg). How long ETH's own PCR testing programme CoVMass can continue to operate will be clarified with the canton of Zurich and be published on the CoVMass website. Its operation is assured until 25 February.