Regulations and restrictions regarding the Coronavirus / COVID-19

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The following regulations and restrictions are determined by the current guidelines for worker protection at DESY (DESY Guidelines Corona Virus / COVID-19) and are permanently adjusted to the most recent guidelines.

These rules for users are valid in addition to the regulations by the German federal and state governments and in addition to the general regulations of the current DESY Guidelines Corona Virus / COVID-19 (https://www.desy.de/coronavirus/index_eng.html).

Checklist
Documents and proofs needed by the users for participation at the test beam:

- Signed Covid-19 signature list
- **Negative antigen test** (except users with permanent work place on Bahrenfeld campus)
- Registration of the complete team one week before start
Travel and Access to the Campus

The team size should be kept as small as possible. Changing of crews should occur only once per week at the transition from one beam time slot to the next.

For travels to and from DESY, the users are responsible to refer to and comply with the travel regulations of Germany and the corresponding countries, as well as the current DESY regulations.

All travelers have to follow the nation-wide Coronavirus Entry Regulations, which can be found on the web page of the Federal Ministry of Health:

For areas of variants of concern (areas at particularly high risk of infection due to widespread occurrence of specific variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus) the following applies: Persons who have stayed in the last 10 days in an area of variants of concern cannot visit DESY.

The current classification list can be found on the web pages of the Robert Koch Institute:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html
(a PDF with an English version is available on the web page).

The DESY guest houses in Hamburg cannot be used for any self-isolation that may be required by the authorities after entry from foreign high-risk area.

All users have to follow the rules and procedures as described in the DESY Guidelines Corona Virus/COVID-19 (see DESY pages):

• “5. Access to the DESY campus in case of a positive corona test or typical symptoms or after staying in foreign risk areas”

• “Appendix II: Exceptions for entering the campus on arrival from foreign risk areas”

• “Appendix III: Rules for the maintenance of user operation with external users”

Signature sheet

All users of the test team need to have the signature sheet provided here:
https://particle-physics.desy.de/test_beams_at_desy/coronavirus_covid_19/
filled and signed to confirm, that they have read and understood the rules regarding Corona Virus / COVID-19.

There will be no test beam if this is not signed by all team members before the start. Please provide the test beam coordinators a scan or photo beforehand and the original at the beginning of your test beam period.
Routing Slip
The test beam coordinators provide a routing slip to all users of the DESY test beam. Without this slip, access to the hall is not allowed. This document must be carried along at all times.

Antigen Test
Every external user of a DESY beam line, who does not have a permanent workplace on the campus, but comes with the purpose to participate in experiments, has to present an official negative Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 antigen test before starting the experiment.

The test result must be available in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish. The test has to have been performed by an agency authorized under the law of the country in question and contain the necessary personal data to identify the tested person. The costs for the test cannot be covered by DESY.

As soon as possible after entering the campus, the test result must be submitted to the test beam coordinators for examination. Preferably, the test result should be of the same day. In any case, it must not be older than 24 hours at the time of presenting it to the test beam coordinators.

Hygiene Rules
All persons on campus are asked to carefully observe the general rules of hygiene (keep your distance, hand hygiene, avoid smear infections on the face).

The restrooms in bldg. 27 should be used for regular hand washing. In addition, disinfectant is available at the control huts.

Cleaning agent for surfaces is provided in the huts. Tables surfaces, arm rests etc. should be be cleaned at change of shifts.

Work equipment and tools, that are used by different persons, should be cleaned regularly with suitable means, such as household cleaners. This means tools, mice and keyboards should be used by one person only wherever possible. In case of a change of the user, the equipment should be cleaned properly.

Food
The consumption of food in the control huts is permitted, but sufficient distance has to be kept.
Distance Rule and Use of Protective Masks

A spatial distance of at least 1.5 m, better 2 m, between all persons has to be kept at all times. This applies to the whole DESY campus and is thus also valid during breaks.

In all closed rooms at DESY, it is strongly recommended to wear a medical mouth/nose protection (MNP) or an FFP2 mask; FFP2 masks are preferable, as these offer greater protection. Both surgical masks and FFP2 masks have to be disposed in the dedicated closed bin.

In contrast to the standing rule at the DESY Test Beam, working alone is currently not permitted. At least two persons are required to be present at all times.

Control huts

In the control hut of the beam lines T21 and T22, at maximum three persons per beam line are allowed at the same time. In the control hut of beam line T24, a limitation to two persons applies. In user hut 23, maximum three persons are allowed.

The distance of 1.5 m is to be kept permanently, implying that as in seminar rooms only every second seat may be occupied and no shared use of computers. Panes of Plexiglas serve as a spatial separation between individual work spaces and must not be moved to beneath the distance of 1.5 m.

Protective masks are very strongly recommended in the control huts at all times.

In view of the aerosol risk, the best possible ventilation of the rooms must be ensured. Therefore, the doors must be left open whenever present to maintain a sufficient ventilation.

Beam areas and Hall

Work in the beam areas may be carried out by several persons. A distance of at least 1.5 m, preferably 2 m, must be maintained between two persons. Essential works as assembling and disassembling of the setup that require a distance of less than 1.5 m are exempted from this. The duration of these works should be kept to a minimum.

It is very strongly recommended to wear an FFP2 mask for all works in the hall and the areas.

FFP masks have a limited wearing time due to the increased breathing resistance. Please read and comply with “Appendix I: Protective Masks” of the DESY Guidelines Corona Virus/COVID-19 (available on the DESY page).

The hall area outside the huts and beam areas is not a working place. Tables, chairs, etc. must not be set up there.
Self-/Quick-Tests

As a preventive measure on a trust basis, all users are requested to perform so-called self- and/or quick- antigen-tests every day and immediately when having symptoms. Sufficient test kits must be supplied by the user\(^1\).

In case of a positive self-test result, the user has to isolate him-/herself immediately and inform the other team members as well as the test beam coordinators (testbeam-coor@desy.de), desy health service (health.service@desy.de) and the hostel/hotel. The result must be verified by means of a certified quick antigen or (preferably) PCR test.

Persons with Infection Symptoms

Persons with symptoms typical for a COVID-19 disease must not come to DESY.

In case such symptoms appear during a test beam campaign, the contact to other persons has to be minimized directly by means of a self-isolation. It is mandatory to inform immediately the test beam coordinators as well as the DESY Health Service (health.service@desy.de).

Data Transfer

User should be aware, that the encrypted transfer of personal data via e-mail bears the risk of being intercepted by a third party.

It is therefore recommended to either present the requested documents in person or transmit them per upload to the following directory of the DESY II Test Beam Facility, which is only accessible by the test beam coordinators:

https://sas.desy.de/index.php/s/gzNNwDDs26t6HwH

(please inform the coordinators via e-mail of your upload).

\(^1\) Self-tests are available in many drugstores and discount shops.