



Decision regarding COVID-19 from 8 December 2021 until further notice

Background

COVID-19 is currently spreading in society. Umeå University follows the directives, guidelines and recommendations regarding COVID-19 issued by the Swedish Government, the Public Health Agency of Sweden and Region Västerbotten. The University revises its decisions if necessary. Decisions are made based on continuous dialogue between Umeå University and the Department of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention at Region Västerbotten.

On 7 December 2021, due to increased spread of infection, the Swedish Government presented a new national plan of action to introduce further communicable disease control measures in three steps. The first step of the plan took effect on 8 December 2021.

On 14 October 2021, the Vice-Chancellor decided on measures and adaptations for Umeå University due to COVID-19 valid between 2 November 2021 and 16 January 2022 (FS 1.1-821-21). Based on the new communicable disease control measures, the decision from 14 October needs to be revoked and replaced with this decision.

Decision

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General communicable disease control measures

All students and staff must follow applicable national and regional regulations, recommendations, and guidelines. Currently, this means that whoever experiences symptoms – even mild ones – must stay at home and get tested for COVID-19, and that anyone who visits university premises must be careful to maintain distance to other people and avoid crowding. Individuals who have not been vaccinated must take personal responsibility to maintain distance to others and avoid places that are crowded. There is no requirement that the University adapts its activities based on people not being vaccinated.

If national or regional regulations, recommendations or guidelines change, they apply at Umeå University without the need for new university regulations.

Meetings and events

Meeting can preferably be conducted online. Meetings with physical attendance may be implemented if distance can be maintained. Meetings and events that gather larger groups of people or risk causing crowding should primarily be conducted online or be postponed.

Staff

Umeå University follows the recommendations issued by the Public Health Agency of Sweden and the Swedish Government regarding working from home. Currently, those state that Umeå University must make it possible to allow employees to work somewhat from home. Each line manager decides what tasks, if any, can be conducted from home.



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Teaching and examination

No limitations regarding the implementation of teaching and examination applies. Those in charge of each course or programme decide to which extent adaptations to alternative formats without physical attendance are necessary.

Students who are to carry out a placement, thesis project, clinical training, teaching placement or similar must follow the guidelines and recommendations issued by the host organisation. This includes potential guidelines regarding individuals who are not vaccinated. This applies to the entire spring semester 2022, that is until 5 June 2022, according to a formal decision reached by the Vice-Chancellor on 23 November 2021 (FS 1.1-2401-21).

Deviations and rescheduling of syllabi

On 22 June 2021, the Vice-Chancellor reached a separate decision regarding the possibility to make deviations from course syllabi regarding formats for teaching and assessment and this applies until 16 January 2022 (FS 1.1-821-21). Beside that, the possibility to make deviations from programme syllabi and to reschedule courses, modules or examinations (both within and beyond the semester) will continue to apply until 16 January 2022. Such reschedulings or deviations must be carried out according to what was described in the previous decision (from 15 September 2021, FS 1.1-821-21). Instructions can also be found on the staff web.

This decision was reached by Vice-Chancellor Hans Adolfsson after presentation by Academy Clerk Daniel Andersson and Analyst Carl Larsson.

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