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COVID rules in Hessen: What applies where?

Masks generally mandatory

- Outside: Masks are mandatory when distancing cannot be maintained.
- Inside: Masks are mandatory (exception: hospitality when at your seat).

Meetings

- If you are vaccinated or have recovered from COVID, there is no limit on the number of people who can meet together.
- The following applies if there is one non-vaccinated person present at a meeting in a public space:
Only their own household, plus a maximum of 2 people from one other household.
- This rule is also recommended for meetings in private spaces.
Non-vaccinated people should also get tested in advance.

Workplaces

- Regulated by the German Prevention of Infection Act:
Employers and employees are only allowed to enter workplaces with 3G status.
In case of doubt, non-vaccinated people must provide evidence of a test on all working days.
Employees must be allowed to work from home – unless this is not possible for operational reasons.

School

- Classroom teaching for all year groups. Negative evidence: 3x per week.
- Masks in the school building.
- If there is a case of COVID in a class: Daily tests for 7 days.
- Tests will also be offered to vaccinated and recovered school students.

Kindergarten

- Regular service under pandemic conditions (fixed groups).



Sport

- Inside: 3G mandatory.
- Outside: No restrictions.

Cultural sites (museums, memorials etc.)

- Inside: 3G mandatory.
- Outside: No restrictions.

Events

- Inside: Maximum 60% of venue capacity and a maximum of 6,000 people in the audience.
- Outside: Maximum 75% of venue capacity and a maximum of 25,000 spectators.

Bodily-contact services

- 3G mandatory.
- FFP2 masks mandatory.

Retail

- FFP2 masks mandatory.

Hospitality

- 3G mandatory and masks mandatory until patrons are seated at their place.

Clubs/Discos

- Clubs and discos are allowed to open again. The 2G-Plus rule applies.



Hotels and accommodation

- 3G mandatory.

Public transport

- Regulated by the German Prevention of Infection Act:
3G mandatory.
Masks mandatory (FFP2 recommended) in the vehicle/train and in station buildings.

Higher education

- Predominantly classroom teaching semester.
- 3G mandatory and masks mandatory, including when seated.

Prostitution locations

- 2G-Plus. Hygiene regulations and recording contact details.

Definition of 3G, 2G and 2G-Plus

- 3G: Vaccinated, recovered or tested (not older than 24 hours).
- 2G: Vaccinated or recovered. In addition, people who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons (with a medical certificate) and children and youths under the age of 18 with a school test booklet or current rapid test (not older than 24 hours).
Masks mandatory and distancing rules remain in force.
- 2G-Plus: The general rule is: Vaccinated, recovered and tested on the same day (not older than 24 hours).

Regulations for people who have recovered, have been vaccinated and have received a booster

- It remains mandatory to wear a mask and comply with the distancing and hygiene rules.
- No mandatory quarantine as members of households for people who have received a booster.
- No mandatory quarantine after travelling or after contact with infected people.

Exception: There has been contact with a virus variant that has not yet spread in Germany or after returning from travel to a virus-variant area.

You will find current information on the Hessian State Government website at the following link: <https://www.hessen.de/handeln/corona-in-hessen>. Current information can also be obtained from the websites of the RKI (Robert-Koch-Institut), the ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control) or the WHO (World Health Organization).