

# Health and safety guidelines for the **exam session**

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## Now it's up to you!

EPFL has put in place **these specific guidelines** for the upcoming exam session. Please read them carefully and be sure to follow them.

These health and safety measures are designed to keep you safe, and they come in addition to the [measures you should already be taking on a daily basis](#). They are essential to ensuring that the written and oral exams run smoothly throughout the exam session, which will last several weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## General measures



### 1. Keep your distance

Exam rooms will be laid out to ensure that a distance of 2 meters is kept between each person. This is in keeping with the FOPH's recommended distance of at least 1.5 meters, so you won't have to wear a face mask while you're taking your exams.



### 2. Face masks

Because it won't be possible to maintain a distance of 1.5 meters at all times, students and staff members **must wear face masks**. They will then be able to take off their masks once they are seated. Please be sure to keep a face mask handy at your seat, so that you can put it on as soon as you stand up.

Students and staff members are required **to bring their own masks** to the exams.

Please note that if the necessary distance cannot be maintained during the exam (e.g., because experts or proctors have to be close together, or because it is a group exam), you must keep wearing your mask.



### 3. Hygiene

Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of each exam room so that you can disinfect your hands.

All individual exam spaces will be cleaned and disinfected before each exam.



#### 4. Symptoms and quarantine

In accordance with the FOPH ordinance, we wish to remind you that if you are showing coronavirus symptoms or have been placed in quarantine, **you must stay at home** and cannot show up for your exam. If this happens to you, please contact Student Services.

The most common coronavirus symptoms are the following:

- symptoms of a severe respiratory tract infection (dry cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing)
- fever
- sudden loss of smell and/or taste.

#### 5. Building access

You will be able to come in and out of the exam buildings freely, but access to other campus buildings is still restricted. If you wish to study on campus before or after your exam, you still have to book a study spot using the EPFL Campus app.

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#### 6. Access to the SwissTech Convention Center (STCC)

**If your exam room is in the STCC**, please follow the indicated route into that building. It's essential that you follow these directions, so that we can manage people coming in and out of the building in keeping with FOPH recommendations.

### Oral exams

Here are some additional measures that apply to oral exams in particular.

In addition to hand sanitizer, there will be surface disinfectant and paper towels available at the entrance of each room to clean the spot where you prepare your oral exam. Please disinfect the table top and the chair when you arrive and just before you leave.

If you are seated in front of a panel of experts for your oral exam rather than standing, you must also clean that chair and table. If you use chalk or any other material that is also used by other students, we recommend that you wash or disinfect your hands as you leave the exam room.